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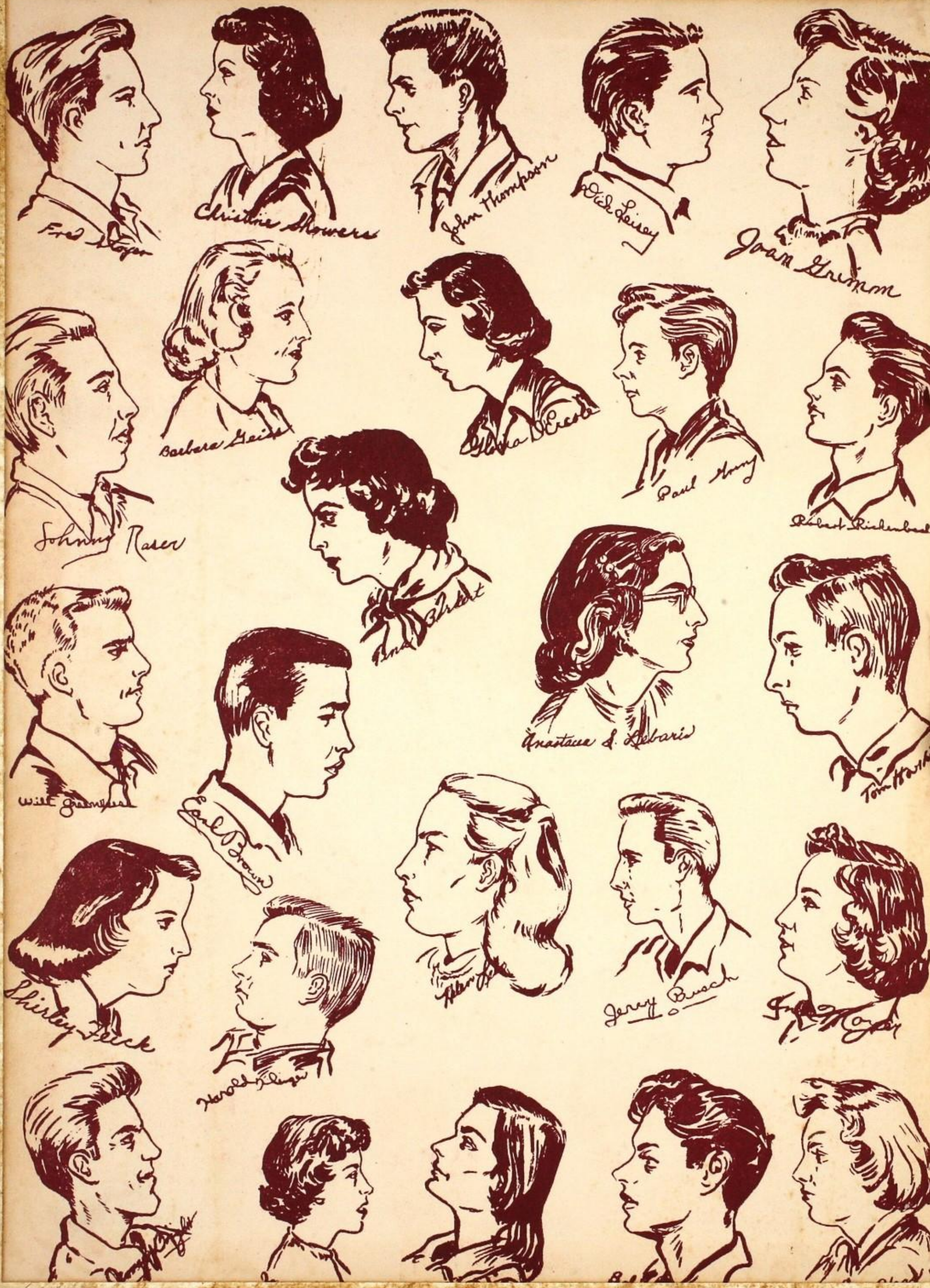
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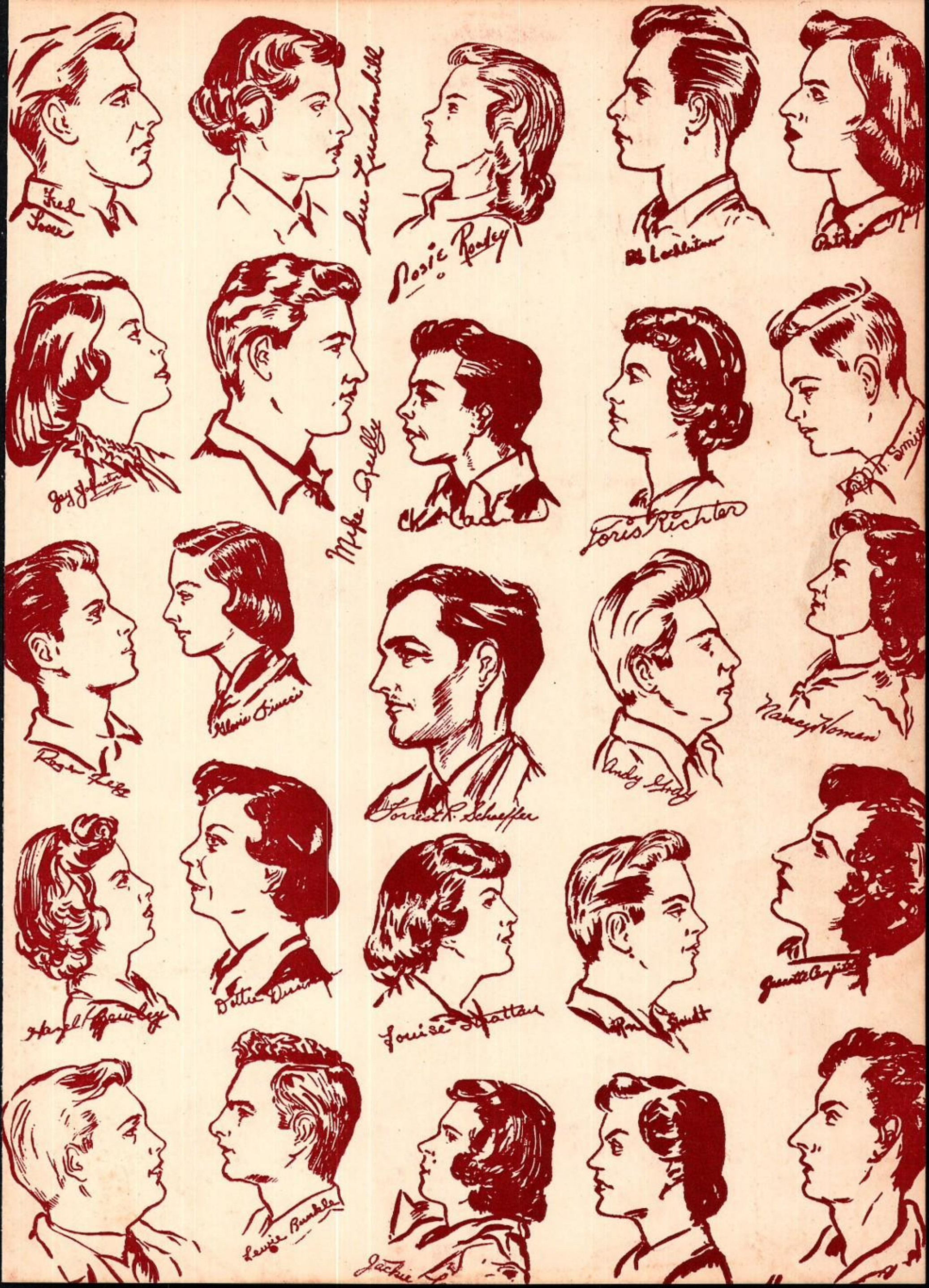
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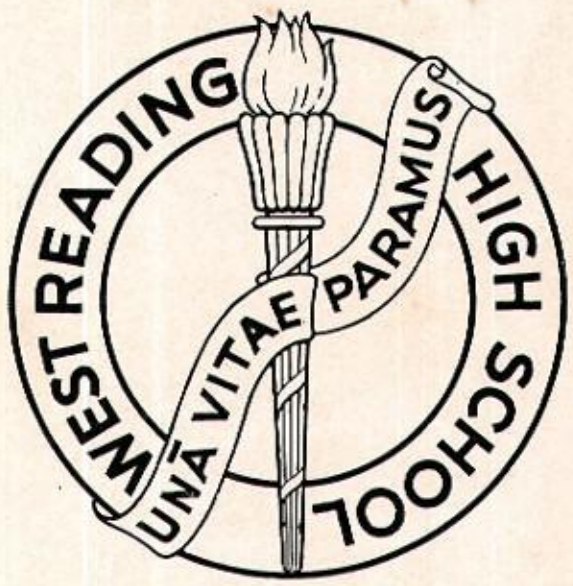

ALMA MATER

Our Maroon and Steel
May always feel
We're with you to a man
Maroon and Steel
The hub of the wheel
We'll do for you all we can
Maroon and Steel
Our memories will
Drift back to you o'er and o'er
Our Alma Mater dear
West Reading need not fear
We'll be with you forever more.

Foreword

In this year, that marks the half-way point of the twentieth century, we of the West Reading High School Yearbook Staff present to our faculty and fellow classmates the sixth edition of THE VAQUERO.

We realize that compared to all that has happened in the past fifty years this yearbook seems rather insignificant, but we hope that those who read this book will cherish the memories that it recalls of their carefree and joyous high school days.

At this time, we would like to wish the members of the senior class success in their various fields of endeavor. We also extend to the underclassmen success and happiness in their remaining high school days.

David R. Smith,
Editor-in-Chief

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1950

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West Reading High School

West Reading, Pennsylvania

Dedication

Students who return to continue their studies at the West Reading Schools in the fall will be much aware of the absence of Dr. J. Maurice Strattan, Supervising Principal, who has resigned and will have begun his duties as Superintendent of Schools at Kittanning, Pennsylvania.

Now, before Dr. Strattan's departure, we thank him for his six years of helpful assistance and supervision by dedicating this 1950 *VAQUERO* in his honor and wishing him success in his new venture.

THE 1950 VAQUERO STAFF

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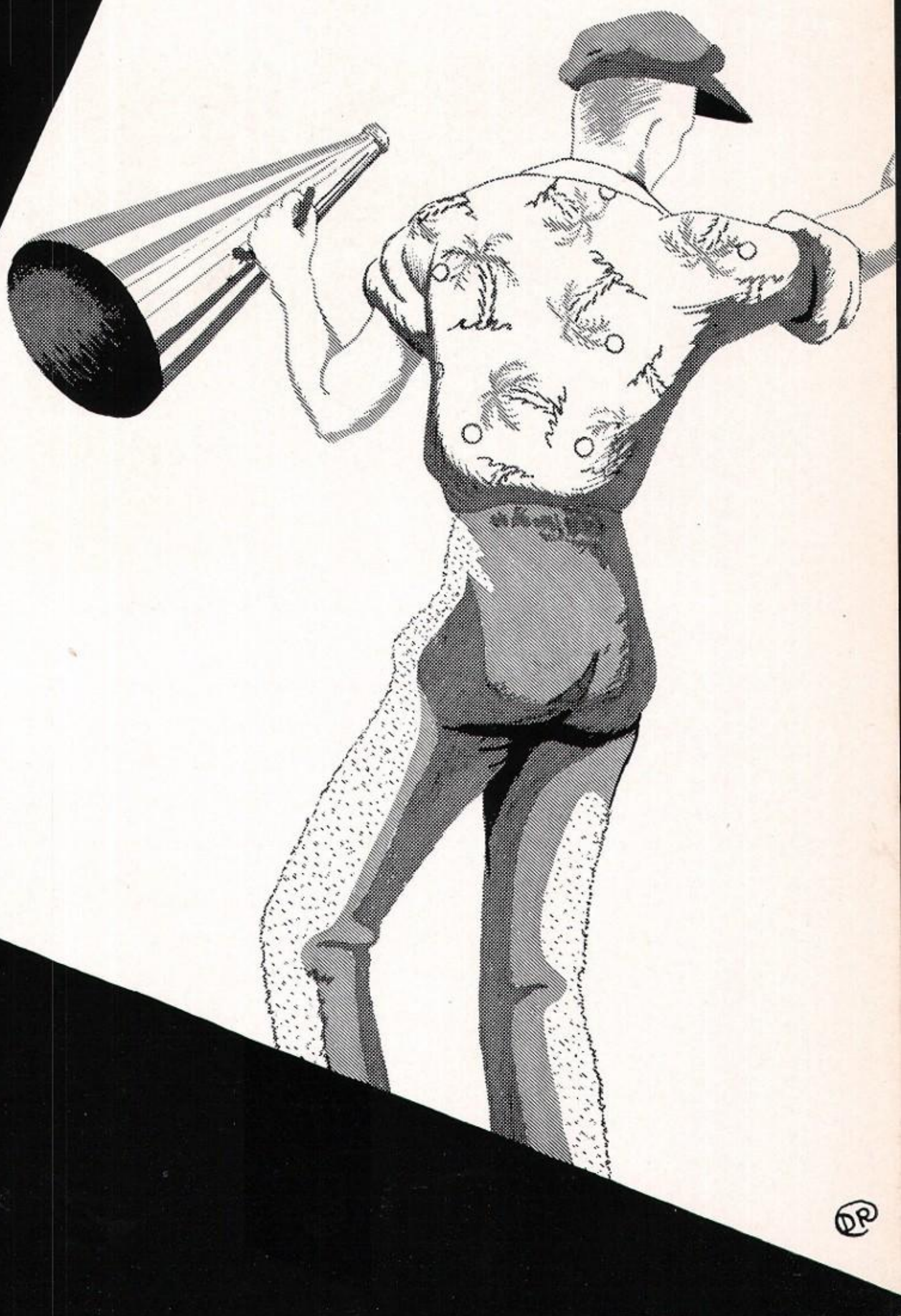

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DR. J. MAURICE STRATTAN

Supervising Principal

This yearbook is one of the few things you will have produced which will grow more valuable with age. Recently, a complete file of *Vaqueros* was placed in the Reading Public Library. They are an invaluable record of our school and its alumni. At the turn of the century, fifty years hence, someone will open this *Vaquero* to review the history of our school as it was made this year.

Our school is proud of its yearbooks and certainly of the 1950 edition. We are greatly appreciative of the efforts of this staff and their sponsor and commend them for their work.

The Class of 1950 is my class. Six years ago we both entered West Reading Junior-Senior High School and as you have progressed through its grades, we have grown to know each other and have become more and more closely attached to our school. In the years to come, may we both emulate its fine motto as we continue to live and learn, "Una vitae paramus —Together, we prepare for life".

So many things happen during a school year that one can hardly believe the record. And yet, here it is, that all may read, and recall to mind. That is this book's present value. In the future, as the passing of the years dim our memories, it will be invaluable, a permanent treasure with which you will not wish to part, for its pages will bring back and make alive again the past, the happiest days of your life, the days you went to school. And then again may these my greetings be as warm and friendly as they are now—good luck, and God bless you.

EDWIN B. YEICH

High School Principal

HOMER M. BARTHOLD

Music Supervisor

Instrumental Music.

Lebanon Valley College, B.S.; Millersville State Teachers College; Rutgers University; Columbia University, M.A.

Activity Committee; Band; Orchestra.

LEWIS J. CAPALDI

Industrial Arts

Woodworking; Metal shop; Electricity; Mechanical Drawing.

Manhattan College; Alfred University; Millersville State Teachers College, B.S.; Penn State.

Archery Club; Arts and Crafts Club; Driver Training; Stage Craft Club; Swimming Team.

ELSIE B. BOCH

German-English

German I and II; Seventh Grade English; Eighth Grade English.

Ursinus College, B.A.

Debating Club; Junior Dramatics; Knit and Purl Club; Senior Dramatics.

MABEL H. FRITZ

French-Latin

Latin I, II, III, IV; French I and II.

Bucknell University, A.B.; Columbia University (Teachers College), M.A.; Middlebury French School; Penn State French School; Extension work at University of Pennsylvania and Albright College.

Guidance; National Honor Society, adviser; Public Relations; Student Council.

HELEN M. BOLTON

English

Ninth, Tenth, and Eleventh Grade English.

Mary Washington College, B.S.; William and Mary.

Assembly Committee; Lariat; Lariat Cubs.

MARY E. GRESH

Geography-History

Junior High School Social Studies.

Shippensburg State Teachers College, B.S.; Albright College.

Flag Raising Committee; Foreign Letter Exchange; National Honor Sosiety, adviser.

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Speech

Speech Correction; Eighth Grade Speech; Seventh Grade English.

Bloomsburg State Teachers College, B.S.; Penn State.

Junior Dramatics; National Thespian Society; Senior Dramatics.

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Dental Hygienist

Albright College; Thomas Evans Institute of University of Pennsylvania; Specialist in Dental Hygiene.

Health Committee.

MARTIN F. HUBLEY

Mathematics-Physics

Physics; Algebra I and II; Plane and Solid Geometry; Trigonometry.

Saint Mary's College; University of Pennsylvania; Shippensburg State Teachers College, B.S.

Aviation Club; Football; Junior Varsity Basketball; Monitors; Sportsmen Club.

RITA M. LIEB

Physical Education

Physical Education, Health.

Ursinus College, B.S.

Athletic Association, Basketball, Cheerleading, Hockey, Volleyball, Coach; Junior High Social Dancing.

MARLIN H. KESSLER

Chemistry-Biology

Biology; General Science; Chemistry.

Shippensburg State Teachers College, B.S.

Baseball; Football; Hi-Y; Junior High Basketball; Junior Nature Club; Science Club.

EVAN H. MANWILLER

Mathematics

Junior High School Mathematics; Ninth and Tenth Grade Commercial Mathematics.

Albright College, B.S.; Lock Haven State Teachers College; University of Pennsylvania; University of Denver.

Athletic Association, treasurer; Junior Camera Club; Senior Camera Club.

ANASTACEA S. LEBARIS

Commercial

Typing I; Shorthand I and II; Business English.

Temple University, B.S.

Knit and Purl Club; National Honor Society, adviser; Vaquero, adviser; Y-Teens.

MARY ANN McDONALD

Library

School Librarian; Seventh Grade Library Class.

Kutztown State Teachers College, B.S. in Secondary Education; Penn State.

Display Club; Junior Library; Library Club; Senior Library Club; Y-Teens.

STEPHEN C. LEININGER

Industrial Arts

Industrial Arts; Printing; Mechanical drawing.

Millersville State Teachers College; Albright College, B.S.; Penn State; University of Pennsylvania.

Graphic Arts Club.

SAMUEL J. NAYLOR

Commercial

Typing II; Bookkeeping I and II; Secretarial Training; Consumer Economics.

Beckley Business College; Elizabethtown College, B.S.; University of Pennsylvania; Albright College.

Banking Club; Consulting Financial Adviser to Lariat, National Honor Society, Purchasing Agent.

MIRIAM L. PARKER

Home Economics

Home Economics.

Albright College B.S.; Cornell University.

Costume Club; Eighth and Ninth Grade Chefs' Clubs.

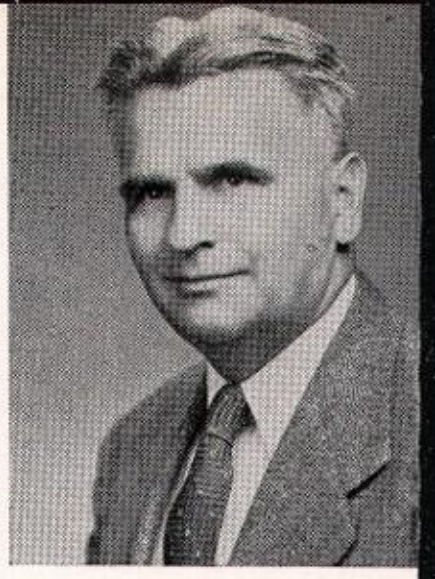
JOHN H. SHANER

Physical Education

Health; Physical Education; Director of Athletics.

Albright College, B.S., Diploma; Penn State College; University of Pennsylvania, M.S.

Athletic Association; Track team; Varsity Basketball; Assists other sports.



FORREST R. SCHAEFFER

Social Studies

World History; American History; Problems of Democracy.

Kutztown State Teachers College, B.S. in Education; Columbia University, M.A.

Debating Club; Driver Training; Hi-Y; Junior Town Meeting of the Air; West Reading Faculty Association president; Student Council.

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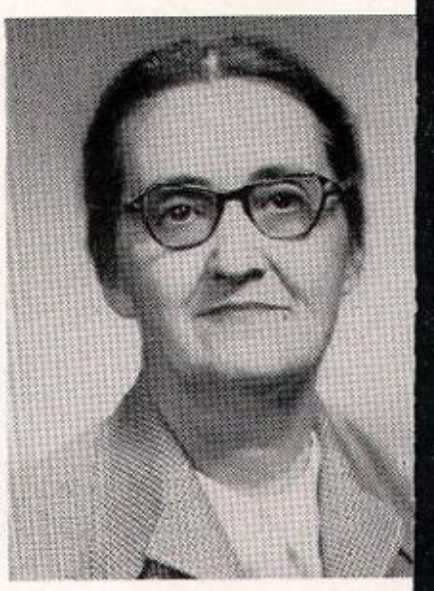
School Nurse

Reading Hospital School of Nursing, R.N.; Pennsylvania School of Social and Health Work; Albright College; University of Pennsylvania.

Student Health Committee.



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Vocal Music

Elementary and High School Vocal Music.

Lebanon Valley Conservatory, B.S.; Hamilton School of Music.

Boys' Quartet; General Chorus; Girls' Sextet; Junior High Boys' Quartet; Junior Chorus; MacDowell Choral Club.

JAMES M. K. WALDRON

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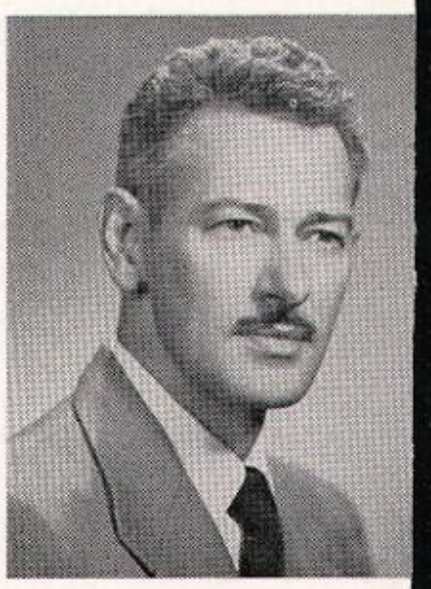
Kutztown State Teachers College, B.S. in Art Education; Temple University, M.F.A.

Junior Art Clubs; Senior Art Club.



JOHN L. SHALTER

Social Studies

Social Studies.

Millersville State Teachers College. B.S. in Education; University of Pennsylvania, M. S. in Education.

Collectors Club; Junior Historians' Club; Junior Hi-Y; Social Dancing.

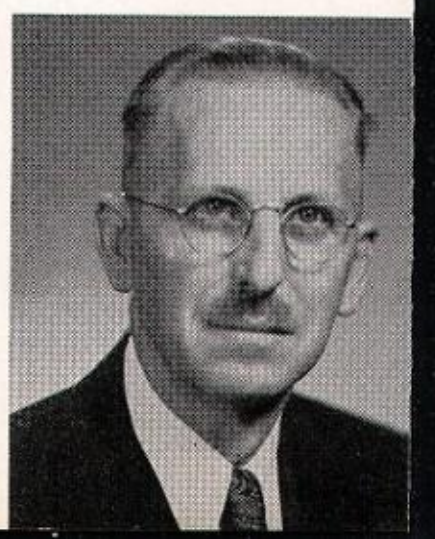
EDWIN B. YEICH

High School Principal—English

High School Principal; English.

Franklin and Marshall College; University of Pennsylvania; Penn State College; A.B., A.M.

(Worked toward Doctor's degree at Penn State.)



JANET COLLINS

Office Clerk

Reading Senior High School; Commercial Diploma.

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Lebanon High School; Lebanon Business College.

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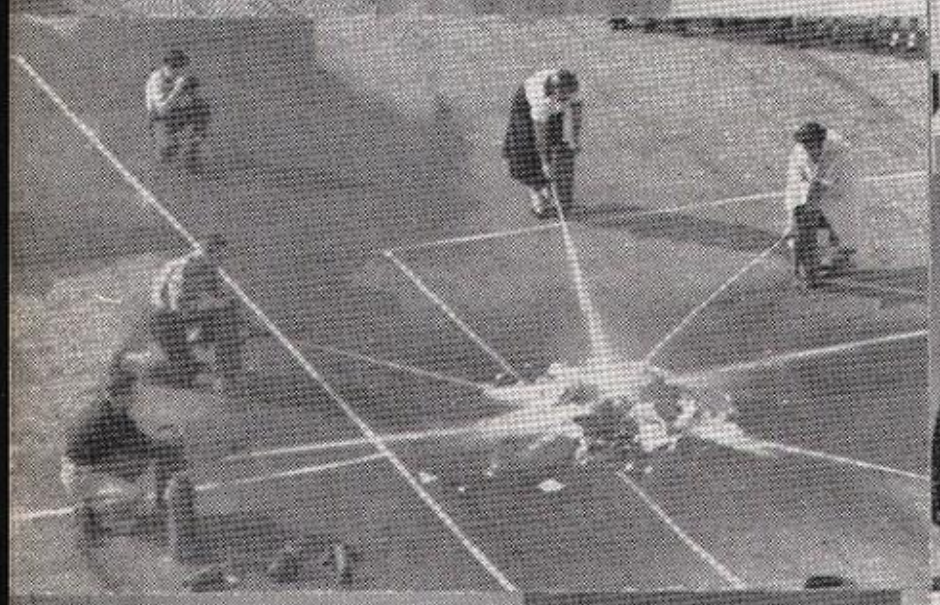
NATIONAL
HONOR SOCIETY



SHORT SUBJECTS

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Student Council

The governing body of our school closely followed the democratic pattern set by our national government. Each home room in the junior and senior high school elected one of its members to represent that section in Student Council. The four officers of Council were chosen by the student body at an election conducted in a very similar manner to municipal voting—with caucuses, campaigning, a primary and general election, and using the county voting machines. The officers for the 1949-1950 term were Roger Feeg, president; Carolyn Horn, vice-president; Lynn Leinbach, secretary; Philip Hower, treasurer.

The tasks of our Student Council were varied and exacting. In order to cope with these problems, Council organized several standing committees. The chairmen of these committees were chosen from Council, with faculty advisers. The Council committees met with their advisers on alternate Tuesdays. These committees were Monitor, Activities, Hospitality, Assembly, Health, Handbook, Finance, and a committee for school elections.

Copies of the minutes of each meeting were distributed to the principals and each home room, in order that all were aware of what went on within council.

Each year Student Council takes on several important projects. The main project, which had its birth this year and which will continue through the next year, was the planning of the state-wide convention of the Pennsylvania Association for Student Participation in School Government, to be held at West Reading High School next fall. The president of this state organization is Carolyn Horn. In addition to this program, Council also sponsored the Berks County Student Activities Conference, held November 4, 1949. At this year's conference, the schools of Berks County were organized for future conferences.

The officers, as well as the home room representatives and the advisers, Miss Mabel Fritz, Mr. Marlin Kessler, and Mr. Forrest Schaeffer, are to be commended for the fine work which they have done this year.

Left to Right, First Row—P. Naylor, C. Showers, J. Cuifici, D. Richter. *Second Row*—F. Horn, I. Potteiger, M. Showers, F. Hettinger, B. Spangenberg. *Third Row*—G. Strattan, R. Cremer, P. Hower, R. McGrath, J. Piscitelli, K. Neuroth.

National Honor Society

The highest honor a student can attain at West Reading High School is to become a member of the National Honor Society. This organization gives recognition to students in the upper third of their class, who, in the opinion of their classmates and teachers, are building their lives around the four principles of the organization, character, scholarship, leadership, and service.

The fourth induction ceremony of the West Reading Chapter of the National Honor Society was held on February 17. Membership in the junior and senior groups is limited to fifteen per cent of the senior class and five per cent of the junior class for the Senior Honor Society, and the same percentages of the ninth and eighth grades for the junior group.

The Senior Honor Society officers were Christtine Showers, president; Doris Richter, vice-president; Jean Cuifici, secretary; and Patricia Naylor, treasurer. The other members were Shirley Feick, John Thompson, Robert Rickenbach, Carolyn Horn, and Donald Straub.

Members of the Junior Honor Society were Lynne Ann Hagenbuch, Richard Klein, Joan McKently, George Nagle, Larry Rentschler, Marilyn Wertz, Jeanette Fisher, Theodore Gabriel, Nancy Holdeman, Florence Horn, Bernadine Spangenberg, and George Strattan.

One of the biggest projects sponsored by these groups, in co-operation with Student Council, was the Student Activities Conference held at West Reading High School. As a result of the conference, an All-Berks County Honor Society Dance was planned and held in the Mt. Penn High School gymnasium. The title for the dance was *An Oriental Fantasy*.

On January 11, our Honor Societies sponsored an assembly program including two films and a panel discussion relating to the films—"You and Your Family," and "You and Your Friends."

This organization has proved an incentive toward higher standards of character, scholarship, leadership, and service in our school.

Left to Right, First Row—G. D'Ercole, B. Geiss, S. Luckenbill, Mr. Hubley, J. Graver, D. Richter, C. Showers. *Second Row*—P. Bailey, S. Feick, J. Grimm, P. Ephlin, M. Haas, B. Brown. *Third Row*—J. Rentschler, D. Straub, J. Busch, W. Greenleese, R. Feeg, J. Shaner, D. Smith, A. Gray.

Monitors

Once again the monitor system of West Reading High School proved very effective. This group was under the direction of a committee from Student Council and was composed of twenty members. Bruce Brown served as chairman of the group by virtue of his membership in Student Council. He was ably assisted in his duties by Joanne Graver, assistant chairman, Sue Luckenbill, secretary, and Mr. Martin F. Hubley, faculty adviser.

Although the monitors received very little praise, they were one of the hardest working committees in the junior and senior high school. Their duties included policing traffic in the halls, maintaining quiet, tending to the lights, opening and closing doors, and various other jobs which go to produce an efficient system.

Assembly Committee

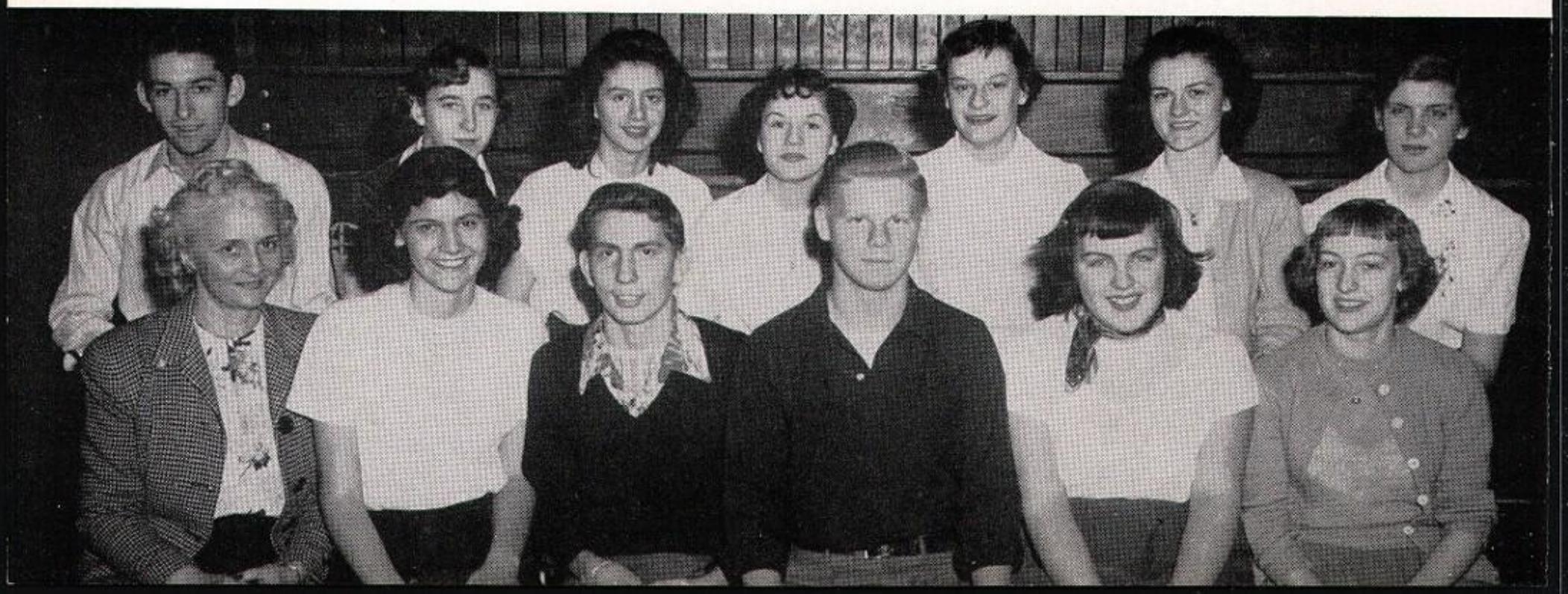
The Assembly Committee, a branch of Student Council, is composed of representatives selected from each home room of the junior and senior high school. This year, the chairman was Nancy Holdeman; Jean Cuifici was secretary, and Mrs. Helen Bolton, adviser.

Preparing a seating chart for assemblies was one of this committee's duties. A special chart was made, grouping each home room according to voice ranges to aid in assembly singing.

The committee scheduled teachers to act as sponsors for the Friday morning programs, and arranged them to include programs of both recreational and educational nature.

The Assembly Committee has made progress and improvement which has benefited us all through the excellent weekly program they instigated.

Left to Right, First Row—Mrs. Bolton, M. Brunner, D. Latshaw, J. Rentschler, N. Holdeman, J. Fisher. *Second Row*—A. Marino, J. Flickinger, H. Bewley, J. Cuifici, S. Luckenbill, N. Homan, P. Shindle.



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Health Committee

The Health Committee, consisting of representatives from each home room, was one of the standing committees sponsored by Student Council.

West Reading students may well be proud of this active group which has, in the past, sponsored such successful projects as the "Beautify Your School" campaign, completed last year. Another service rendered by the Health Committee last year was the establishment of the Well Baby Clinic, a clinic to which mothers could bring children, under school age, for weekly physical check-ups.

The 1949-50 Health Committee officers were the following: Bonnie Munroe, chairman; Margie DiMascio, vice-chairman; Gloria Ciervo, secretary; Mrs. Sara Stanton, R.N. and Mrs. Marjorie Henne, R.D.H. advisers.

Hospitality Committee

Since this committee began a few years ago, it has helped greatly in improving the hospitality of our school to visitors. It was the Hospitality Committee which greeted all our visitors and made them feel welcome, throughout the year.

Members of this committee enjoyed preparing refreshments for the guests or conducting tours through the high school building. Their many tasks included serving as hosts during the Student Activities Conference, and entertaining students who came to West Reading to participate in County Debates or Junior Town Meeting of the Air broadcasts.

The main objective of this committee, seeing that school affairs are run smoothly, was carried out under the direction of Patricia Ephlin, chairman, and Miss Miriam Parker and Mr. Marlin Kessler, advisers.

Left to Right, First Row—W. Greenleese, J. Grimm, G. Busch, P. Ephlin, Mr. Kessler. *Second Row*—J. Flickinger, S. Feick, A. Moyer, R. Lechleitner, G. D'Ercole. *Absent from picture*—C. Showers, D. Richter.

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Lariat

One of the most notable organizations in our high school activity program was the group of senior high journalists who kept us well informed through their bi-weekly publication of the Lariat. Striving to please its readers, the Lariat Staff has published all types of articles. In charge of the industrious group were Robert Rickenbach, Editor-in-Chief, and Mrs. Helen Bolton, capable and helpful faculty adviser.

With the aim of perfection in mind, the Lariat has maintained membership with the National Scholastic Press Association and the Pennsylvania State Press Association.

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Vaquero

The group you see before you is composed of the boys and girls responsible for this book you are now reading. They, the Vaquero Staff of 1950, and their Editor-in-Chief, David Smith, have expended a great deal of time and energy to produce this publication. The purpose of our yearbook has been to provide a comprehensive review of the activities of the West Reading High School student body and faculty during the past school year. The staff sincerely hopes they have adequately accomplished this task.

Miss Anastacea Lebaris, faculty adviser, has capably lent a guiding hand to the many endeavors of the staff, and to her, as well as to the students and faculty members who so generously gave their time and help, we owe a vote of thanks.

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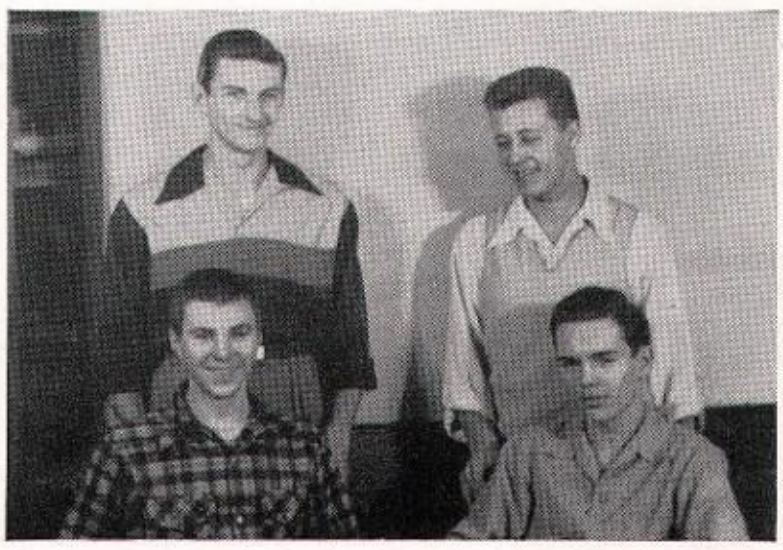
Hi-Y

As the years go by, the Hi-Y Club of West Reading High School continually increases in size and importance. The 1949-1950 group was no exception.

Hi-Y is an affiliation of the Y.M.C.A. organization; clubs similar to ours are located throughout the country. It is a boys' club designed primarily to provide worthwhile projects and suitable forms of entertainment and recreation for its members.

In our school, memberships are offered all male students of the ninth, tenth, eleventh, and twelfth grades. Thirty-four boys belonged to the club during the past year.



At the first meeting, the members elected the officers and the program committeemen. Robert Rickenbach succeeded Philip Hoeffer in the capacity of president. Roger Feeg again became vice-president. Bruce Brown, secretary; Gerald Busch, treasurer; and Jack Shaner, chaplain; completed the roster of officers. The entire cabinet, plus Robert Lechleitner and John Thompson, constituted the program committee. Mr. Forrest Schaeffer and Mr. Marlin Kessler again guided the club in its activities.

The staff in charge of selecting programs lined up many functions for the club's agenda. Gym nights, talks by guest speakers, movies, combined affairs with the Y-Teens, and business discussions were some of the opportunities available to the clubmen. One of the special functions was the supplying of food to needy families on Thanksgiving and Christmas. The serving of refreshments completed the evening at many of the club's gatherings.

The purchase of mahogany chairs for our high school auditorium was the goal of the club, and raising money for this project presented a great problem. The gala spring banquet with the Y-Teens climaxed the year's activities.

Left to Right, First Row—T. Borkert, J. Rowley, D. Beidler, G. D'Ercole, P. Naylor, C. Showers, J. Cuifici, S. Feick, D. Richter, M. Haas, S. Luckenbill. *Second Row*—E. Noecker, R. Hohl, H. Bewley, B. Geiss, J. Grimm, P. Ephlin, J. Lavigna, J. Graver, F. Hettinger. *Third Row*—J. Spang, P. Miller, J. Flickinger, J. Crocona, D. Dissinger, I. Potteiger, M. Showers, W. Scheck, M. Albert. *Fourth Row*—Miss McDonald, B. Churan, G. Ciervo, C. Horn, A. Damore, J. Kohl, M. DiMascio, Miss Lebaris. *Fifth Row*—L. Haehnel, R. Lelgemann, J. Bouchat, B. Munroe, P. Moyer, S. Borst, S. Bast, J. Gift, D. Weidenheimer, L. Strattan. *Absent from picture*—G. Johnston.

Y-Teens

"Attention Y-Teens! There will be a meeting this Wednesday at 7:30 in the auditorium. Please be prompt!" How many times have we seen this notice on our daily bulletins? And just as many times we have been aware of the services rendered by this group and of the social events these senior girls have planned throughout the year.

Our Y-Teens gathered on alternate Wednesday evenings in the school to plan and enjoy such programs as a scavenger hunt and doggie-roast, a covered dish social, a cake-sale, a floral demonstration, and combined meetings with the Hi-Y. At Thanksgiving, the girls contributed to the food collection made by the Y-Teen and Hi-Y groups of the school. This food was distributed to a needy West Reading family for Thanksgiving. As a Christmas project, the club provided holiday gifts to a needy family.

This organization was governed by the cabinet and the following officers: Christine Showers, president; Patricia Naylor, vice-president; Jean Cuifici, secretary; and Gloria D'Ercole, treasurer. Chairmen of the various cabinet committees were: Shirley Feick, program; Jacqueline Lavigna, service; Doris Richter, social; Dawn Beidler, music; Lucie Haehnel, publicity; Louise Strattan, worship; Gay Johnston, membership; Tina Borkert and Josephine Rowley, refreshment; Carolyn Horn, Interclub Council representative; Mollie Haas and Sue Luckenbill, Youth Council; and Patricia Ephlin, historian.

Miss Mary McDonald and Miss Anastacea S. Lebaris ably assisted these girls.

The Y-Teens sponsored their annual W.P.A. dance, entitled "A Dreamer's Holiday." Oriental decorations, costumes, lighting, and refreshments predominated at this gala affair.

A combined banquet with the Hi-Y terminated the yearly events of our Y-Teens.

This service organization has presented and accomplished its ideals of Christian fellowship through the combined efforts of its fifty Y-Teens.

Left to Right, First Row—J. Minnich, A. Potteiger, D. Bossler, P. Wanner, C. Lavigna, E. Gentile. *Second Row*—J. Beyerle, R. McGrath, P. Hower, J. Thompson, M. Leek, R. Reber, C. Adams, J. Martens, G. Rankey, F. Cremer. *Third Row*—D. Werner, R. Lelgemann, M. Showers, S. Dauber, R. Karper, G. Keim, G. Bordic, F. Loser, F. Stoyer, F. Weidner, R. Hafer, W. Reinert, P. Holdeman. *Fourth Row*—L. Leinbach, C. Engle, D. Cherry, B. Leightheiser, J. Piscitelli, R. Miller, L. Talarico, R. Lechleitner, G. Strattan, P. Bailey, Mr. Barthold. *Fifth Row*—B. Burk, C. Baer, E. Burke, D. Capozello, D. Geiss, R. Goll, D. Diener, B. Spangenberg, W. Ellis, W. Scheck, R. Cremer, J. Cuifici, B. Churan. *Sixth Row*—J. Raser, N. Chapman, J. Rhoda, E. Kohl, T. Gabriel, G. Witwer, A. Chirico, R. Knouse, H. Witwer, G. Sponagle.

Band

One of the outstanding musical organizations of our school was our maroon and steel garbed band. Every Tuesday and Thursday activity period, these fifty fine instrumentalists could be found combining their talents under the capable leadership of Mr. Homer Barthold.

All those who attended the football games saw the band perform "snappy" drills in their "snazzy" new maroon and steel uniforms during half-time, and provide rousing marches for the cheering sections during the game. These new uniforms have been provided for by the band fund which originated from the profits of the Curtis Magazine Campaign and the annual spring music concert.

Besides faithfully attending football games and boosting spirits at the basketball games, the band was always on hand for special occasions, such as giving a rousing send off to members of the swimming team or conference representatives to other schools.

Every year several outstanding instrumentalists of the service organization are selected to attend the All-County Band. Members of the band who participated in this year's concert held at Mt. Penn on December 10 were as follows: Joe Piscitelli, Donald Cherry, David Diener, Robert Cremer, Carl Baer, Louis Talarico, Richard Goll, Bernard Leightheiser, Jay Beyerle, Ray Reber, Richard Miller, Fred Loser, Fred Stoyer, Robert Lechleitner, and Ruth Lelgemann.

Left to Right, First Row—R. Cremer, S. Feick, K. Schnellenbach, P. Holdeman, J. Thompson, R. Reber, D. Diener, L. Strattan. *Second Row*—J. Beyerle, R. McGrath, B. Spangenberg, J. Piscitelli, F. Loser, F. Stoyer, N. Homan, Mr. Barthold. *Third Row*—C. Baer, C. Engle, B. Leightheiser, D. Cherry, L. Talarico, R. Lechleitner, G. Strattan, P. Bailey, M. Brunner. *Fourth Row*—M. Leek, J. Raser, N. Chapman, J. Rhoda, D. Geiss, G. Sponagle, W. Ellis, W. Scheck.

Orchestra

The sweet and softly throbbing strains which we hear every Monday activity period is none other than our orchestra. This busy musical group, under the progressive supervision of Mr. Homer Barthold, instrumental music instructor, has completed another successful year, being seen and heard most frequently Friday morning in assembly. The school orchestra, composed of students from junior and senior high school, has become a select group, numbering thirty-two in membership, many of whom have been in this organization for as long as eight years. In addition to playing in assemblies, the orchestra also provides music for the Junior and Senior Class plays, Class Night, Commencement, and P.T.A. programs. They are also on call for any community affairs, and can often be found providing music for the grade school activities.

This service organization was represented by several of our outstanding musicians at the All-County Orchestra Concert on April 29, held in the Shillington High School Auditorium.

This year, the orchestra presented its concert in conjunction with the band for the purpose of obtaining funds for new MacDowell Chorus gowns. The popular dance orchestra is another out-growth of this activity and was featured at several of our sport hops.

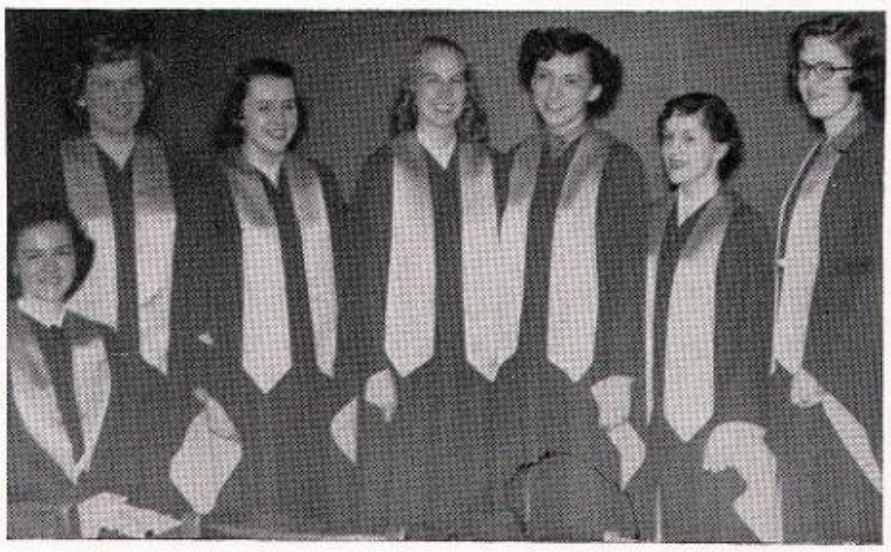
The officers of the orchestra were as follows: Robert Lechleitner, president; John Thompson, vice-president; and Ray Reber, librarian.

Although all of the members of our school orchestra were from the junior and senior high school, and we will, of course, lose many musicians through graduation, Mr. Barthold is diligently training an enterprising group of pupils in the elementary grades to fill in the vacancies. In this way we should continue to be able to have an excellent orchestra in future years.

Left to Right, First Row—B. Munroe, S. Feick, J. Spang, J. Cuifici, B. Leightheiser, L. Haehnel, N. Homan, T. Borkert, L. Strattan. *Second Row*—M. Haas, S. Luckenbill, M. Albert, D. Beidler, H. Lebo, H. Bewley, F. Hettinger, J. Grimm. *Third Row*—M. Showers, R. Lelgemann, C. Showers, C. Horn, P. Naylor, D. Dissinger, F. Klopp, D. Richter. *Fourth Row*—R. Lechleitner, R. Merkle, G. Busch, J. Thompson, W. Greenleese, R. Feeg, D. McDonald, Mr. Seidel. *Fifth Row*—L. Talarico, J. Shaner, P. Hower, J. Piscitelli.

MacDowell

The lusty voices you heard every Wednesday were from none other than our MacDowell Choral Club. This year, the chorus was reduced to a select group of thirty-four members. This group has been under the direction of its organizer, Mr. Richard D. Seidel. During the year, a repertoire was kept on hand for special performances. The Evening of Music on February 1, which was held in conjunction with the Junior Chorus; and the operetta "Jeanie," held April 20, were the outstanding performances of the year, although MacDowell presented many enjoyable selections in assemblies, concerts, and P.T.A. meetings. They also took part in Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter programs.



After several years of anticipation, the chorus was fitted this spring for the maroon and steel gowns which were purchased through the proceeds collected from the operetta, the Evening of Music, and other concerts of past years. The club also sponsored a sport hop to help raise money for their funds.

Members of this organization who participated in the All-County Chorus, held at Wyomissing in March were: Louise Strattan, Mollie Haas, Bill Greenleese, Bob Lechleitner, Jean Cuifici, Shirley Feick, Joan Grimm, John Thompson, Bud Leightheiser, John Shaner. Helen Lebo, Tina Borkert, and Roger Feeg.

Offering more variety in the activities and presentations of the MacDowell Choral Club were the Boys' Quartet and the Girls' Sextet. The first of these select groups was composed of the following voices: Robert Lechleitner, Bernard Leightheiser, William Greenleese, and John Thompson. Louise Strattan, Joan Grimm, Helen Lebo, Jean Cuifici, Shirley Feick, and Mollie Haas comprised the Girls' Sextet.

Jean Cuifici presided over this group of enthusiastic vocalists, Bernard Leightheiser acted as vice-president, and Lucie Haehnel was its secretary-treasurer. Librarians were Carolyn Horn and Ruth Lelgemann. Nancy Homan, Dawn Beidler and Philip Hower served as accompanists.

Left to Right, First Row—J. Gift, L. Leinbach, R. Cardinal, B. Schearer, J. Cuifici, F. Horn, G. Smith, F. Bohn, S. Auge, E. Auchenbach. *Second Row*—P. Battiato, J. Goodman, C. Griffey, W. Hiester, N. Piscitelli, L. Hagenbuch, M. Wertz, G. Olwine, M. Entzminger, R. Unger. *Third Row*—J. Cuifici, L. Weller, J. McKently, P. Hessinger, B. Reber, B. Spangenberg, P. Wanner, P. Holdeman, Mr. Seidel. *Fourth Row*—C. Leek, R. Karper, M. Scholl, B. Heilman, P. Herb, S. Green, L. Battiato, L. Stoudt, P. Fletcher. *Fifth Row*—S. Rissmiller, B. Riegle, P. Shindle, M. Balmer, F. LeVan, J. Fisher, B. Nelson, A. Potteiger, J. Damore.

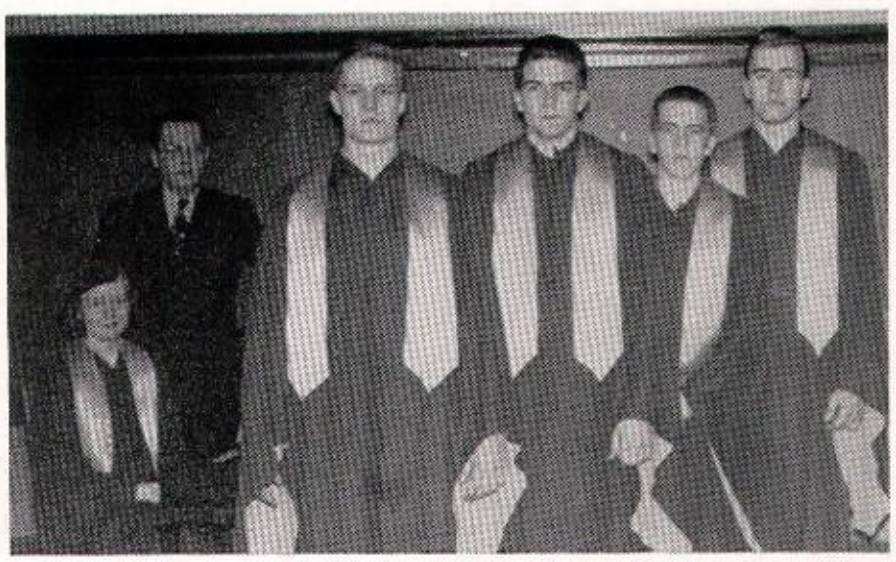
Junior Chorus

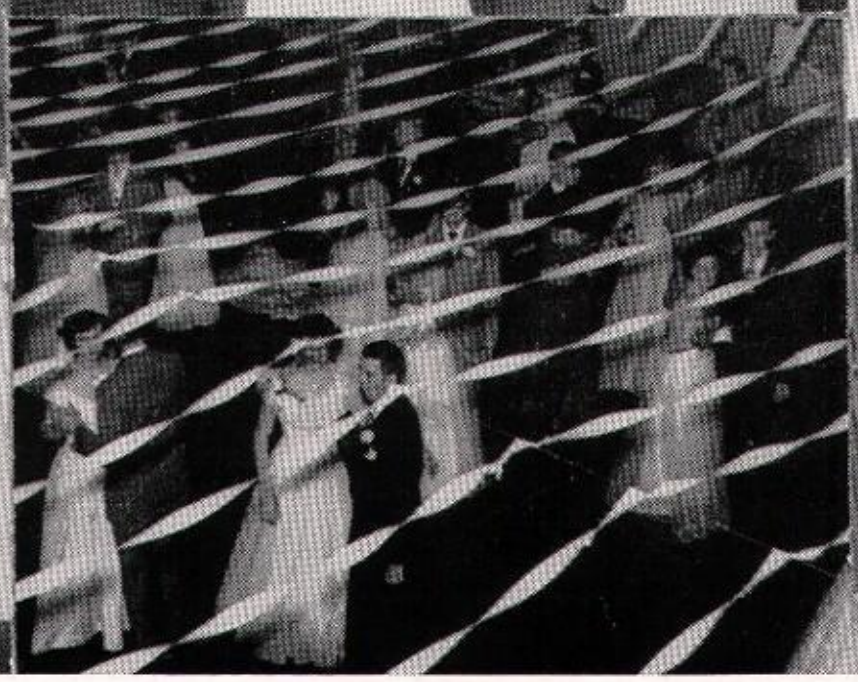
If you happened to pass by the vocal music room Tuesday morning during activity period, you probably heard the melodic voices of the Junior Chorus, busily practicing for a performance. The group of songsters, under the direction of Mr. Richard Seidel, combined their vocal cords to become a musical group of fifty members.

During the year, the chorus participated in many music activities. Over the Christmas season, the chorus was heard singing carols over the amplification system and caroling through the halls of the high school and grade school buildings. All auditors appreciated the friendly feeling that Christmas brought. On January 31 and February 1, the Junior Chorus and MacDowell Choral Club presented their concert, for the pupils of the school and for their parents and friends. These favorites were sung: "Ah Sweet Mystery of Life," "Can't You Hear Me Calling Caroline," "Softly, As In a Morning Sunrise," "Tea For Two," "The Green Cathedral," "I'll Follow My Secret Heart," and "Funiculi Funicula."

This spring, ten members of the Junior Chorus were chosen to participate in the County Chorus, which was held at the Wyomissing High School. The following girls represented our school this year: Patricia Herb, Patricia Holdeman, Rita Cardinal, Barbara Schearer, Lynne Hagenbuch, Marilyn Wertz, Virginia Stehman, Florence Horn, Patricia Hessinger, and Bernadine Spangenberg.

The officers of this group, elected at the beginning of the year were: Jackie Cuifici, president; Barbara Schearer, vice-president; and Florence Horn, secretary-treasurer. The librarians were Rita Cardinal and Virginia Stehman. Dawn Beidler and Shirley Feick served as accompanists.





W. P. A. Dance

The smell of incense and oriental decorations added an air of mystery to the school gymnasium, which was the scene of the Y-Teens' "Women Pay All" dance, "A Dreamer's Holiday," held November 12. Music for this gala affair was provided by Johnny Barker's orchestra.

The decorations included murals of oriental scenes, and a gigantic Buddha. A goldfish pond served as a centerpiece and oriental lanterns completed the effect.

To carry out the theme even further, Chinese cookies and punch were served as refreshments.

The chairmen of the committees which helped to make the dance a success were Doris Richter, decorations; Gloria D'Ercole, chaperons; Jacqueline Lavigna, tickets; Tina Borkert and Josephine Rowley, refreshments.

The Junior Prom

'Midst the air of the Yuletide Season, the Class of '51 presented their Junior Prom, "The Snowflake Swirl." December 29, found the school gym in a flurry of snowflakes, and those who attended were fascinated by the sparkling decorations. That evening, the couples danced to the music of Homer Barthold and his orchestra.

The success of the prom was largely due to the dance committee and the faculty advisers, Miss Elsie Boch and Mr. Samuel Naylor.

James Rentschler, chairman of the dance, was assisted by these committee chairmen: Lucie Haehnel, tallies; Ruth Lelgemann, publicity; Alvin Bewley, tickets; Elwood Hiester, refreshments; Bonnie Munroe, decorations; Nissley Chapman, orchestra; and Barbara Churan, theme.

Chaperons for the event were Mr. and Mrs. Julian Flickinger, Dr. and Mrs. Edwin Rentschler. Dr. and Mrs. J. Maurice Strattan, and Mr. and Mrs. Edwin B. Yeich were guests.

Freshman-Sophomore

On February 25, the Freshman and Sophomore Classes presented their annual semi-formal dance in the high school gymnasium. The theme, "The Mid Century Ball" suggested the decorations used, contrasting the "gay nineties" era and the present day. The atmosphere was achieved by murals portraying an antique barbershop and fashions of yesteryear and today, with a centerpiece of models appareled in dated and modern garments. Guests danced to the strains of Whitey Meisky's orchestra.

The dance committee was composed of the following with Francis Wagner as general chairman: Iris Potteiger, Joseph Piscitelli, Barbara Schearer, David Geiss, Margaret DiMascio, George Sponagle, James Monroe, Virginia Stehman, and Jack Jones.

Advisers were Mrs. Helen Bolton, Miss Mabel Fritz, Mr. Martin F. Hubley, and Mr. Marlin H. Kessler.

Junior Class Play

"Belvedere," the riotous comedy play staged by the Juniors on March 24, was packed with rare incidents and laughter for the audience.

The story centered around the King family which advertised for a resident baby-sitter. A series of hilarious events began when Lynn Belvedere, an author and self-proclaimed genius who disliked children, arrived to take over. He made himself at home, to the discontent of Harry King. However, Belvedere soon became a public figure and hired the Kings to work for him while he continued his life's work.

Harry and Tacey King were portrayed by Jack Shaner and Carolyn Horn. The genius, Lynn Belvedere, was played by Jim Rentschler. Bruce Brown was the nosey botanist, Mr. Appleton; Lucie Haehnel played Edna Philby, a jolly neighbor; Philip Bailey, her husband, Bill Philby; Richard Ellis, Sam Trout; Bonnie Munroe, the girl reporter; and Barbara Churan, the ailing Mrs. Appleton. The Kings' children, Mark and Bobby, were William Reinert and Wilbur Ellis.

Senior Class Play

One of the highlights of the social calendar of the Class of '50 was the superlative stage production "Mother is a Freshman," held January 19.

The plot revolved around Mrs. Abigail Fortitude Abbott, an attractive widow, who found it necessary to take advantage of a scholarship and enter the college, where her daughter was a sophomore. The college dean, believing Abby's strange action to be a publicity stunt, tried extremely hard to find an excuse to have her expelled. The plot thickened when Abby found herself in competition with her winsome daughter, Susan, for the affections of the handsome biology teacher, Professor Michaels.

Christine Showers starred as Abigail, while Jean Cuifici was cast as Susan. Bobo, Susan's boyfriend was played by Jerry Busch. Other members of the cast were Roger Feeg, Professor Michaels; David Smith, Dean Gillingham; Louise Strattan, Sylvia; Joanne Graver, Clara; Jacqueline Lavigna, Marge; Patricia Naylor, Helen; Josephine Rowley, Bunny; Gloria Fiucci, Carrie; Bill Greenleese, Jack; Andrew Gray, Bill; John Thompson, Howie; and Joan Grimm, Mrs. Miller.

Left to Right, First Row—L. Meglathery, J. Parsons, G. Bowers, R. Klein, G. Strattan, C. Engle, D. Capozello, C. Keller, R. Kulaga, A. Scalese. *Second Row*—A. Spannuth, C. Wagner, G. Keim, G. Brown, R. Struble, F. DeCarlo, W. Ellis, W. Kline, E. Burke. *Third Row*—R. Reigel, T. Rogers, W. Epler, D. Jenkins, D. Stoudt, P. Bleiler, S. Stout, B. Reinert, C. McAlees, Mr. Shalter. *Fourth Row*—S. Northeimer, W. Hinnershitz, H. Witwer, D. Entzminger, J. Hepler, R. Cartwright, W. Grauert, F. Korper, A. Chirico, R. Goll.

Junior Hi-Y

The Junior Hi-Y Club, under the guidance of Mr. John Shalter, has completed another busy and successful year. The group, consisting of forty members, chose the following boys to lead the group through the 1949-50 season: Carl Engle, president; Richard Klein, vice-president; George Strattan, secretary; and Daniel Capozello, treasurer. The Junior Hi-Y Club had the good fortune of hearing Judge Warren K. Hess speak on juvenile delinquency. On March 22, the club entertained the members of Wilson High's Junior Hi-Y, and later visited Wilson High as a guest of that organization. The group also sponsored several assemblies, and took a trip through Maier's Bakery. The year's festivities were brought to a close with a banquet, given for the Junior Hi-Y members, held at the Y.M.C.A.

Junior Y-Teens

One of the newer additions to our list of school activities was a group of enterprising junior high school girls—the Junior Y-Teens. These offsprings of the Senior Y-Teens had as their cabinet Barbara Nelson, president; Amelia Potteiger, vice-president; Louise Stoudt, secretary; Elaine Gentile, treasurer; Jeanette Fisher, Interclub representative; Nancy Holdeman, program chairman; Suzanne Dauber, music chairman; Patricia Fletcher, worship chairman; Sandra Swoyer, publicity chairman; Muriel Scholl, service committee chairman; Jean Williams, social chairman. The advisers were Miss June Kutz and Miss Virginia Powers.

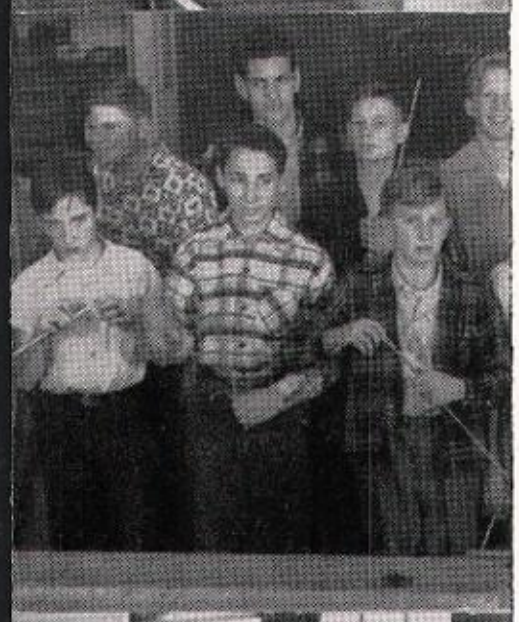
Throughout the year, the Junior Y-Teens participated in many service projects carried on by the combined "Y" groups. At Christmas, they gave boxes of clothing and toys to a needy family.

Left to Right, First Row—M. Scholl, S. Swoyer, L. Stoudt, B. Nelson, A. Potteiger, E. Gentile, N. Holdeman, J. Fisher. *Second Row*—Miss Kutz, M. Balmer, J. Minnich, G. Smith, P. Wanner, D. Bossler, Miss Powers, *Third Row*—J. Williams, P. Fletcher, P. Battiato, B. Nagle, S. Dauber, J. Damore.

ADVANCED CAMERA

Many members of the Advanced Club could be seen at the basketball games, home and away, capturing the highlights for the newspaper and yearbook. They were "on the ball" taking pictures at the class plays, sport hops, field trips, and numerous other events.

This year's officers were Paul Gring, president; Robert Hessler, secretary-treasurer; Mr. Evan H. Manwiller, faculty adviser.



ARCHERY

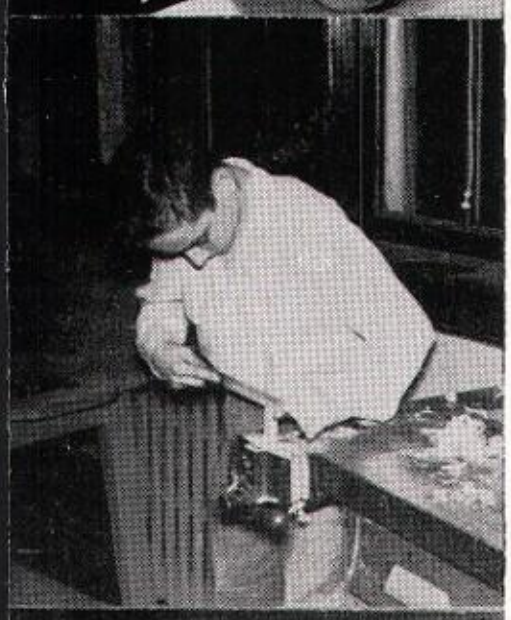
Archery was installed as a new activity this year, having long been the desire of many male students. The group consisted of ten members who gathered every Tuesday and made bows, arrows, and numerous other things needed for an archery outfit.

Officers were Carl Baer, president; Jerry Witwer, vice-president; and Harold Witwer, secretary-treasurer. Mr. Lewis Capaldi served as adviser.

ART CLUBS

Many of the posters seen around our school could be traced to the Art Clubs, supervised by Mr. James M. K. Waldron. The Senior Art Club members spent many an hour working on linoleum blocks, dry paint etching, lettering, cartooning, and animal drawing.

A few of the many fields covered by the Junior Art Club were papier mache masks, costume drawing and posters.

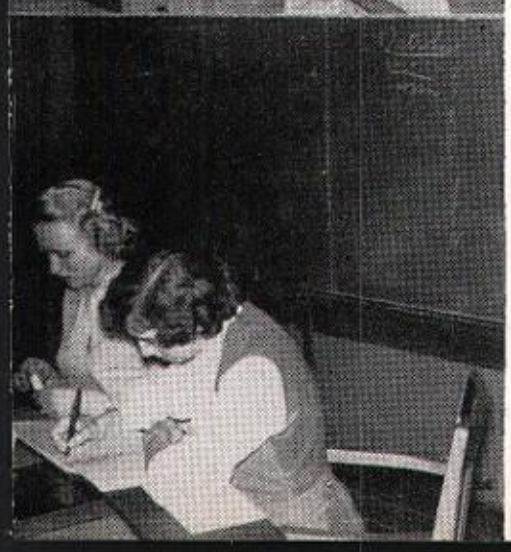


AVIATION

Assemblage of model airplanes was the project of the Aviation Club members guided by Mr. Martin Hubley.

The planes were assembled in the shops and, on the average, approximately six were completed during the year by each member.

They viewed slide films, learned the principles of aviation, and contributed to our display case by arranging the case with material connected with their functions.



BANKING

The Banking Club met Monday through Thursday to receive deposits and pay out funds.

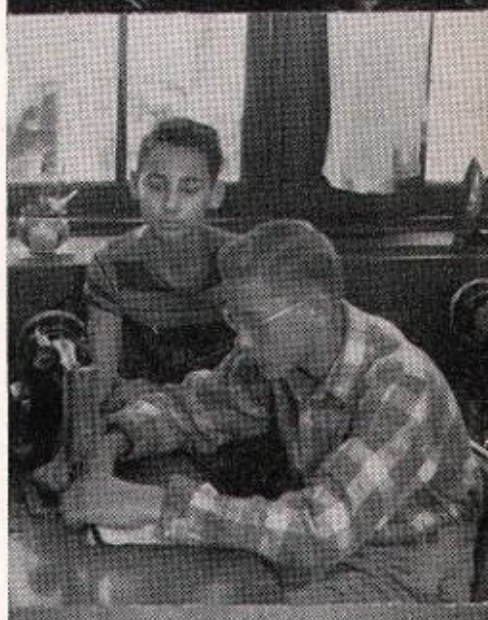
This school service organization was composed of Junior and Senior commercial students selected by the adviser, Mr. Samuel Naylor, treasurer of the school bank. The members aided the treasurer in receiving deposits, writing checks, keeping the records of the bank, and auditing the records of school organizations.

BEGINNING CAMERA CLUB

Faithful followers of that satisfying hobby, photography, gathered each Monday during activity period to explore this fascinating subject.

Under the skilled leadership of Mr. Evan Manwiller, the club members learned the part of the camera, its proper use, and secrets pertaining to the art of good picture taking.

Officers for the year were Patricia Fletcher, president, and Elaine Gentile, secretary.



CHEFS

Miss Miriam Parker, adviser, planned a very interesting year for both groups of the Junior Chefs' Clubs. During the first eighteen weeks of school, the boys were instructed to dress themselves correctly and make a special effort to improve their manners.

Providing they mastered their first assignments, they were permitted to cook in the last eighteen weeks. As you might expect, they had some sizzling times!

DRAMATICS

The Dramatics Clubs, assisted by National Thespian Troop 729, and directed by Mrs. Margaret Brunner and Miss Elsie Boch, provided entertainment for our assemblies.

Officers for the groups were: Senior Dramatics, Jerry Busch, president; Jean Cuifici, vice-president; Donald Straub, secretary-treasurer. Junior Dramatics, Suzanne Dauber, president; Max Richter, vice-president; George Strattan, secretary; Anthony Scalese, treasurer.

LETTER EXCHANGE

The Foreign Letter Exchange Club corresponded with children in France, South America, Switzerland, the United States, and others.

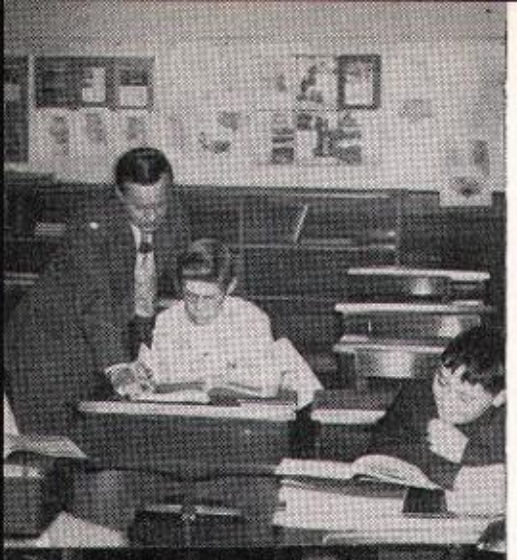
Purchasing books for the pupils of Reading, England and British Columbia and sponsoring Miss Blanche Hemmig for an assembly program were the special projects of the group.

Joan Gift served as president; Jeanette Fisher, secretary; William Hinnershitz, treasurer; Mrs. Mary E. Gresh, faculty adviser.

JUNIOR COLLECTORS

Junior Collectors' Club, one of the recent activity program additions, consisted of seventh, eighth, and ninth grade pupils who met to compile their hobbies of collecting autographs, buttons, stamps, Christmas cards, coins, and match covers.

Officers were Russell Daeillo, president; Fred Korper, vice-president; Curtis Wagner, secretary; Carl Keller, treasurer; Mr. John Shalter, faculty adviser.



JUNIOR HISTORIANS

Can you give the exact date of Pennsylvania's founding? Any member of the Junior Historian's Club is able to do just that. Every Tuesday activity period found them busy investigating American History, and its contributions to civilization.

Officers of the group were Richard Klein, president; Gary Keim, vice-president; Ray Kulaga, secretary; Donald Entzminger, treasurer; Mr. John L. Shalter, adviser.

JUNIOR LIBRARY

Members of the Junior Library Club assumed the responsibility of working at the desk, and resumed the tasks of mending, shelving, lettering, and cataloging books.

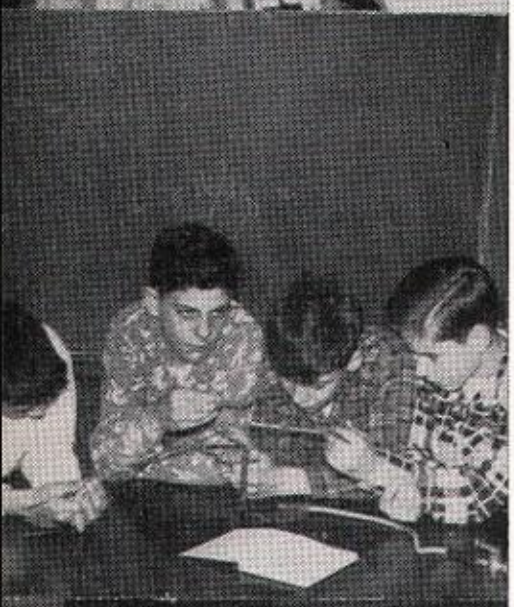
Reviewing of books by members who selected and read them, was a newer undertaking. Also of interest was the timely library bulletin board that was under their supervision.

The Library Club's chief function was the general care of the library.

JUNIOR MANUAL ARTS

The Junior Manual Arts Club provides working in woodcraft for those who wish more than the regular manual arts period. With Mr. Lewis Capaldi as their capable supervisor, these students also became familiar with more advanced creative projects.

Officers for the year were Stanley Kulaga, president; Donald Busch, vice-president; and Jack Jones, secretary-treasurer.



JUNIOR NATURE

These junior biologists could be found working vigorously on their projects every Wednesday morning activity period, under the careful supervision of Mr. Marlin Kessler, faculty adviser.

The Junior Nature Club kept everybody busy working on their individual projects. Some of these projects included microscopic slides, glass chemical gardens, experiments, and dissecting. As an added attraction the Junior Naturists often witnessed educational science films.

JUNIOR SOCIAL DANCING

The Junior Social Dancing Club, one of the newer activities, became popular among junior high school students, boasting over seventy members.

Under the direction of Miss Rita Lieb and Mr. John Shalter, members were instructed in dancing and proper social etiquette.

Officers were Ronnie Greenleese, president; and Jeanette Fisher, secretary-treasurer.

KNIT AND PURL CLUB

The clicking of busy knitting needles could be heard outside the doors of the Knit and Purl Clubs, Thursday activity period.

Because of its popularity among the girls, Knit and Purl, under the direction of Miss Anastacea S. Lebaris and Miss Elsie Boch, became one of the standard activities.

Projects included embroidering, crocheting, weaving, knitting scarves, socks and sweaters.

LARIAT CUBS

To maintain a good school newspaper, the Lariat needs eminent, skilled reporters who know the correct newspaper technique. This goal was the main objective of the Lariat Cubs, who prepared throughout the year to become regular Lariat reporters by learning the fundamentals of newspaper writing.

Keeping this ambitious group busy was their chairman, George Nagle, and their adviser, Mrs. Helen W. Bolton.

SENIOR COSTUME

Every Tuesday activity period found members of the fairer sex, under the supervision of Miss Miriam Parker, making costumes and accessories for period plays and dramatized assembly programs.

Social affairs of the club included a hayride, a box-lunch, and a covered dish social. The officers were Barbara Burk, president; Margie DiMascio, vice-president; Joan Miller, secretary; Millie Albert, treasurer.

SENIOR DISPLAY

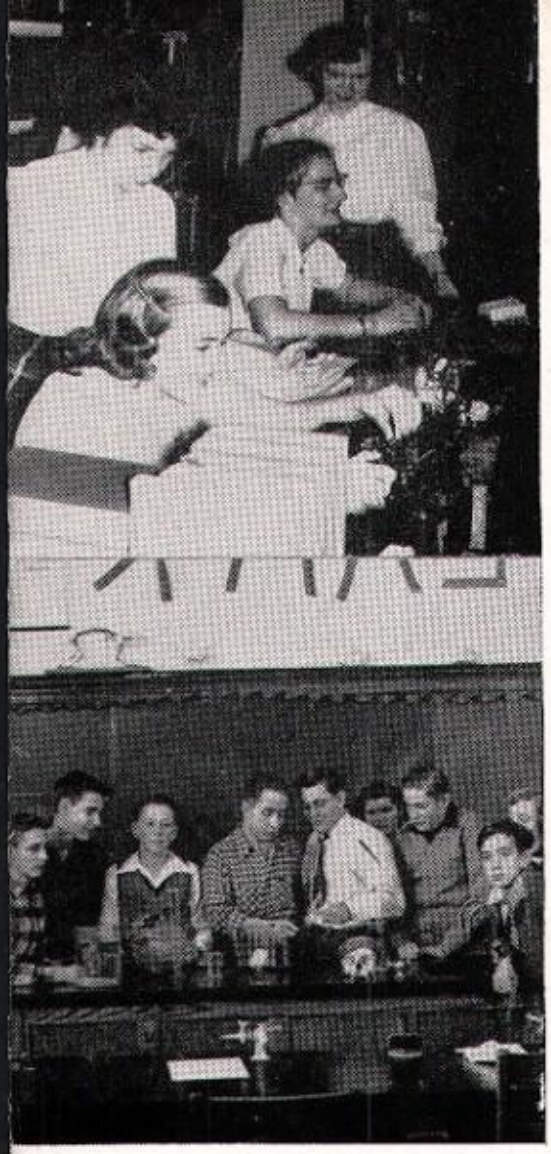
As you walked down the third floor hall, you often stopped to gaze at the attractive displays found in the centrally located display case, made possible by the Senior Display Club, under the direction of Miss Mary Ann McDonald.

This organization met every Monday activity period, at which time its members planned for future displays and prepared materials for use in their program.

SENIOR GRAPHIC ARTS

The Senior Graphic Arts Club, with Mr. Stephen Leininger, as sponsor, was headed by William Kaley, president; Elwood Hiester, vice-president; Francis Wagner, secretary; David Diener, treasurer.

The members were free to make what they desired as long as they were industriously engaged. They made name cards, stationery letterheads, and also accomplished printing, block-cutting, and setting up type.



SENIOR LIBRARY

Some of the many duties performed by the girls of the Senior Library Club during the past term were cataloging films and books; filing reference material in the vertical files, and completing the card catalog; lettering, shellacking and writing bibliographies for new books; and working at the desk during their vacant periods.

Their fun for the year was in the form of a movie party and dinner.

SENIOR SCIENCE

The Senior Science Club presented a Fire-Prevention Week Program, tended the fire extinguishers, and checked the electric eyes which controlled the lighting system in our school. Other functions of the group included studying birds and flowers, making slides, probing the atom, and other interesting scientific activities.

David Smith presided over the group, while Mr. Marlin H. Kessler acted as adviser.

SPORTSMEN

With Mr. Martin Hubley as their very capable adviser, the Senior Sportsmen Club saw an occasional sports movie featuring hunting and fishing or highlights of past season football games among the college ranks.

The Senior Sportsmen also conducted a football pool among the squad which was eagerly accepted.

The popularity of this organization was proved by its membership.

STAGE CRAFT

This group of sixteen energetic boys was in full charge of the stage properties and equipment at all of our assembly programs and class plays, supervised by Mr. Lewis Capaldi.

The main project of the crew was the building of new stage scenery.

The 1949-1950 Stage Craft officers were Robert DiMascio, president, Michael Reilly, vice-president; Ronald Stoudt, secretary-treasurer.

Sophomore Initiation

"We, the sap-faced, malignant-brained, maddening, moronic . . ." were familiar words heard on September 23. This was the long waited day on which the "Superior Juniors" exercized their supremacy over the Sophomores during the annual Sophomore initiation.

The day's festivities began at the Friday morning assembly, when the Sophs presented original skits in a feeble attempt to please their upperclassmen. These performances were judged "favorably" by "their Honors"—Miss Rita Lieb, Mr. Homer Barthold, and Mr. Lewis Capaldi—in response to the applause of the Juniors, who brandished clubs and were bedecked in their brilliant black and gold class hats. Jim Rentschler, Junior Class vice-president, acted as master of ceremonies during the morning session and recorded the names of those who failed to produce pleasing acts on the "punishment list."

Following the noontime dismissal, the Sophomores dressed themselves in the fashions created by the considerate Juniors. The boys wore blouses, skirts, silk stockings, and earrings; while the girls were attractively garbed in trousers, clodhoppers, metal curlers, dismantled hairdos, rubbers, and pajamas. The boys' accessories included market baskets, shoe shine equipment, dolls, and nursery rhyme books, and the girls willingly carried a bucket with the necessary articles to cater to the Juniors.

After supper, the Sophs were punished for their poor performances during the morning. As the night moved on, the Juniors repented and treated their "slaves" to cokes and pretzels. A dance terminated the day—hectic but happy!

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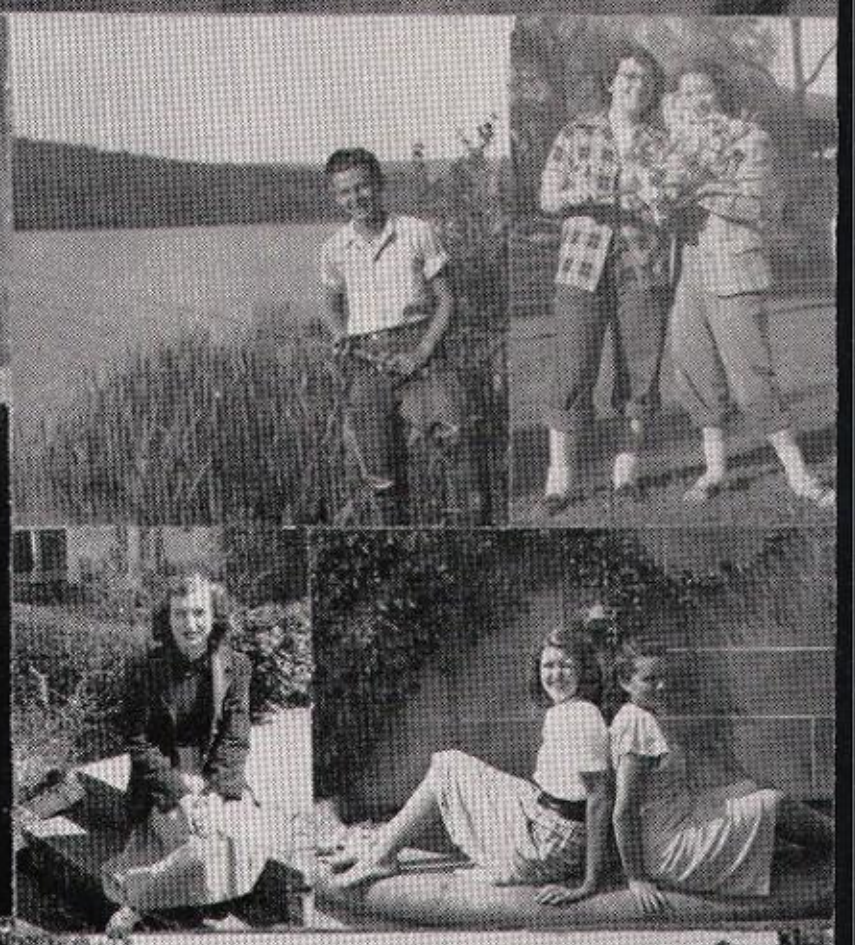

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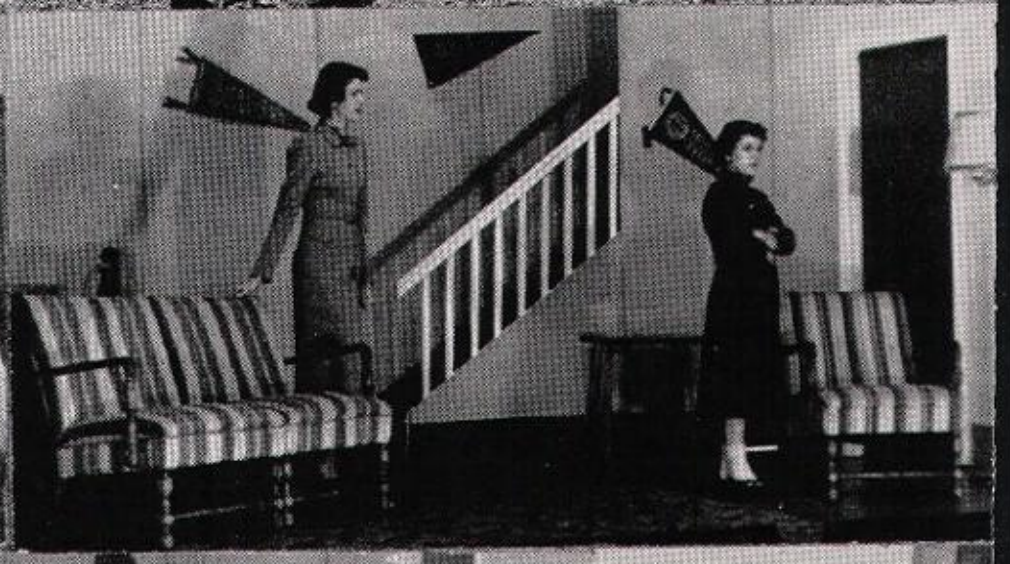
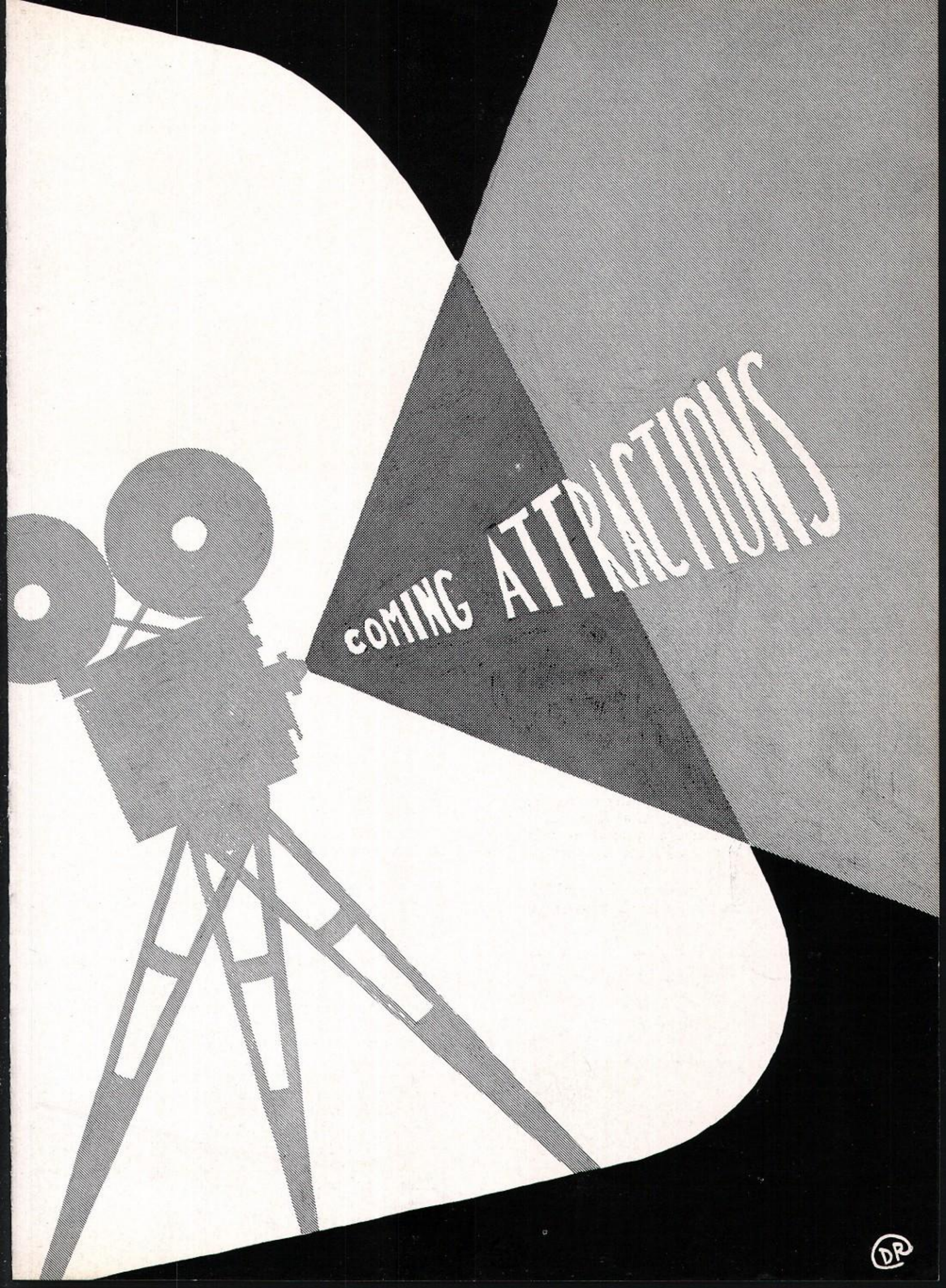



COMING ATTRACTIONS

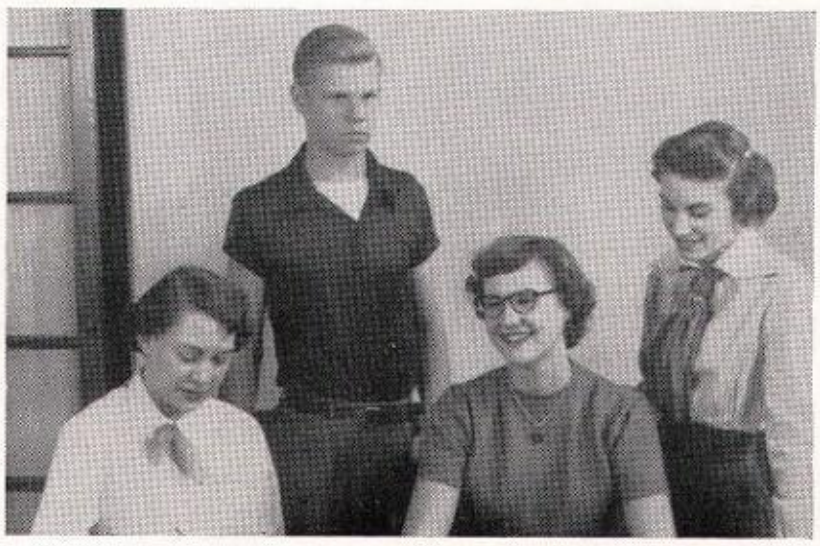
Left to Right, First Row—M. Albert, B. Churan, G. Ciervo, C. Horn, L. Haehnel, J. Rentschler, B. Burk, J. Spang, P. Miller, D. Werner. *Second Row*—D. Beidler, J. Flickinger, B. Munroe, J. Crocona, J. Bouchat, R. Lelgemann, M. Stout, E. Noecker, R. Nagle, J. Porecco, E. Heister. *Third Row*—Miss Boch, P. Bailey, T. Sands, D. Reichert, J. Shaner, D. McDonald, N. Chapman, B. Leightheiser, R. Ellis, Mr. Naylor. *Fourth Row*—J. Beyerle, D. Straub, A. Bewley, R. Fidler, B. Brown, T. Cardinal, W. Kaley, J. Rhoda, R. Reber, C. Schnellenbach.

Junior Class

The Junior Class of West Reading High School completed an active term and kept their record intact of being one of the busiest classes in the school.

The Class of 1951 was guided during the term by four capable officers and two hard working advisers holding the following positions: Lucie Haehnel, president; James Rentschler, vice-president; Carolyn Horn, secretary; Barbara Burk, treasurer; Mr. Samuel Naylor and Miss Elsie B. Boch, class deans.

These eleventh graders, who could be seen flaunting their eye-shocking black-and-gold class hats, were represented in nearly all school organizations and activities. A large majority of athletic teams boasted Junior boys and girls on their rosters. During football season, several members of the class could be found selling programs. The Juniors conducted an active social program, highlighted by their annual Christmas dance, the Junior Prom. The theme blended with the December weather, and many gay couples turned out for this semi-formal affair. The Juniors also sponsored two skating parties and a hoe-down dance.



The Junior Class started the year off with a bang when they held the customary initiation of the "luckless Sophomores." Another highlight was their class play, "Belvedere," a riotous three-act comedy.

Many of our Juniors did not fall short when it came to fine arts. Four boys were represented in the All-County Band Concert, while many members of the eleventh grade exercised their vocal chords in the All-County Chorus. Several of the artistic murals, posters, etc., displayed on many occasions were due largely to the efforts of the junior art girls.

When the members of this class take their places as seniors next year, they will capably perform the duties and obligations which will fall upon them.

Left to Right, Front Row—J. Reinert, T. McAlees, S. Bast, F. Hettinger, R. Hohl, F. Weidner, F. Wanner, A. Marino, A. Damore, M. DiMascio, J. McNear, J. Gift, T. Voelker, D. Grossberg. *Second Row*—J. Witwer, D. Cherry, E. Bewley, S. Bewley, I. Potteiger, J. Kohl, M. Auge, P. Moyer, B. Mentzer, D. Weidenheimer, W. Keller, L. Talarico. *Third Row*—K. Neuroth, W. Runkle, C. Borst, S. Wade, J. Miller, F. Klopp, P. Hower, J. Piscitelli, W. Scheck, M. Showers, Miss Fritz. *Fourth Row*—Mr. Kessler, R. Cremer, M. Leek, J. Munroe, R. McGrath, G. Straub, R. Hessler, N. Metz, R. Merkle, D. Hehnly, R. Latshaw, D. Diener.

Sophomore Class

It was not difficult for any one to recognize a member of the Sophomore Class, especially when they were sporting their outstanding wine and white class hats with the huge "52" felt numbers predominating on top. This industrious class was active in both social and athletic programs of the 1949-1950 school term.

The members of this class realized their position as sophomores, when they were officially welcomed in September by the juniors, in the observance of that occasion known as initiation.

The sophomores began their social year with a Christmas party held on December 22, in the school gym. At this time, they danced, ate, and found fun in many varied games. They were all surprised when Santa appeared unexpectedly, with a gift for everyone.

The next event was the annual Freshman-Sophomore Dance, which was sponsored by those classes.

High school sports claimed many participants from the Sophomore Class. They were seen showing their skill as members of the football, junior varsity basketball, baseball and swimming teams, and some competing in track events. The girls also were active in basketball, volleyball, and field hockey. Several of the girls contributed their services as cheerleaders.

The musical department of the school demanded the time of many as members of the MacDowell Chorus, the orchestra, and band.

Six sophomores carried the burden of West Reading's participation in the county schools' debates, which were staged at Shillington, Birdsboro, and West Reading High Schools, in the latter part of February.

The Sophomore Class was under the guidance of Miss Mabel Fritz and Mr. Marlin Kessler. It was officiated by Francis Wagner, president; Anthony Marino, vice-president; Anna Rose Damore, secretary; and Franklin Weidner, treasurer.

Left to Right, First Row—W. Hinnershitz, H. Witwer, N. Piscitelli, J. Cuifici, B. Rogers, J. Jones, B. Spangenberg, S. Potteiger, W. Heister, R. Cardinal, D. Stout, R. Miller. *Second Row*—G. Strattan, B. Schearer, B. Reber, F. Horn, P. Hessinger, J. Goodman, V. Stehman, G. Olwine, M. Wertz, R. Howe, C. Griffey, L. Leinbach, J. Bowers. *Third Row*—B. Merritt, N. Epler, F. Garroway, R. Kline, L. Hagenbuch, L. Weller, J. McKently, M. Brunner, D. Entzminger, R. Weller, R. Spangler, L. Rentschler. *Fourth Row*—Mr. Hubley, R. Ellis, S. Kulaga, C. Wagner, W. Rowley, F. Moser, N. Cucinotta, G. Nagle, C. Engle, D. Geiss, G. Sponagle, D. Busch, R. Bright, A. Spannuth, Mrs. Bolton.

Freshman Class

During the past school year, the Class of '53 chalked up a successful and prosperous term as freshmen in the high school. They proved invaluable in rendering service to many and varied school activities, as well as carrying their regular curriculum.

Perhaps the most important and long anticipated social event in which the class participated was the annual Freshman-Sophomore semi-formal dance held on February 25 in the high school. The whole class turned out with their full co-operation to aid in the success of this social event, and they handled it very capably.

Athletic activities seemed to be especially popular with this class. Freshmen boys augmented the success of Coach Marlin Kessler's junior high basketball array who achieved a record of seven wins and three losses. Baseball and track also drew the interest of an enthusiastic group. Freshmen girls were represented in hockey, basketball, and volleyball. The snappy junior high cheering squad was made up largely of ninth grade girls. Civic regard was also shown by members in this class by their interest in the junior high citizenship club. The goal of all school attainment, the National Honor Society, was reached by eight members of the Freshman Class, five of whom were inducted into the Junior Chapter in February. Student Council and the council committees included members of the Class of '53. A number of class members displayed journalistic ability as members of the Lariat Cubs and the *Vaquero*. Some of the other school organizations which claimed freshmen as enthusiastic members and hard workers were orchestra, band, Junior Art, and Junior Hi-Y.

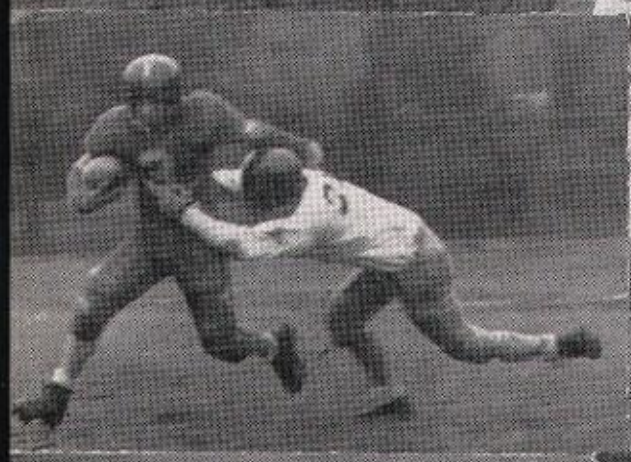
Mrs. Helen Bolton and Mr. Martin Hubley, who were the ninth grade home room advisers, successfully guided the Class of '53 through the "hazards" of the year.

Eighth Grade

Left to Right, First Row—G. Bordic, R. Daiello, W. Ellis, J. Parker, W. Reinert, M. Scholl, J. Gift, S. Dauber, D. Kulaga, M. Balmer, R. Karper, G. Bowers. *Second Row*—J. Nagle, B. Knouse, K. Klinger, G. Keim, D. MacAlees, R. Klopp, M. Richter, L. Battiato, B. Heilman, F. LeVan, S. Swoyer, P. Herb, L. Stoudt. *Third Row*—R. Hafer, R. Fasshauer, R. Hussey, C. Adams, R. Goll, M. Sweitzer, S. Green, J. Williams, B. Nelson, P. Fletcher, J. Fisher, Mrs. Gresh. *Fourth Row*—Mr. Manwiller, T. Gabriel, R. Greenleese, G. Schwartz, D. Ciervo, N. Holdeman, C. Stoudt, P. Holdeman, K. Sweitzer, E. Kohl, A. Chirico, R. Heist.

Seventh Grade

Left to Right, First Row—C. Keller, R. Kulaga, S. Auge, J. Frantz, R. Cartwright, K. Messner, F. DeCarlo, P. Shindle, D. Capozello, G. Smith, P. Battiato, C. Obold, E. Auchenbach, L. Meglathery. *Second Row*—Mrs. Brunner, E. Burke, R. Struble, G. Brown, P. Sandoe, J. Long, J. Hepler, J. Minnich, R. Unger, F. Bohn, J. Parsons. *Third Row*—W. Grauert, D. Bossler, W. Adam, S. Stoudt, J. Damore, P. Wanner, N. Andregg, S. Rissmiller, E. Gentile, M. Entzminger, A. Potteiger, B. Reigel, Mr. Shalter. *Fourth Row*—W. Damore, J. Martens, R. Reigel, P. Bleiler, D. Dries, S. Northeimer, W. Kline, J. Rogers, D. Jenkins, E. McQuaid, A. Scalese. *Absent from picture*—J. Cuifici.



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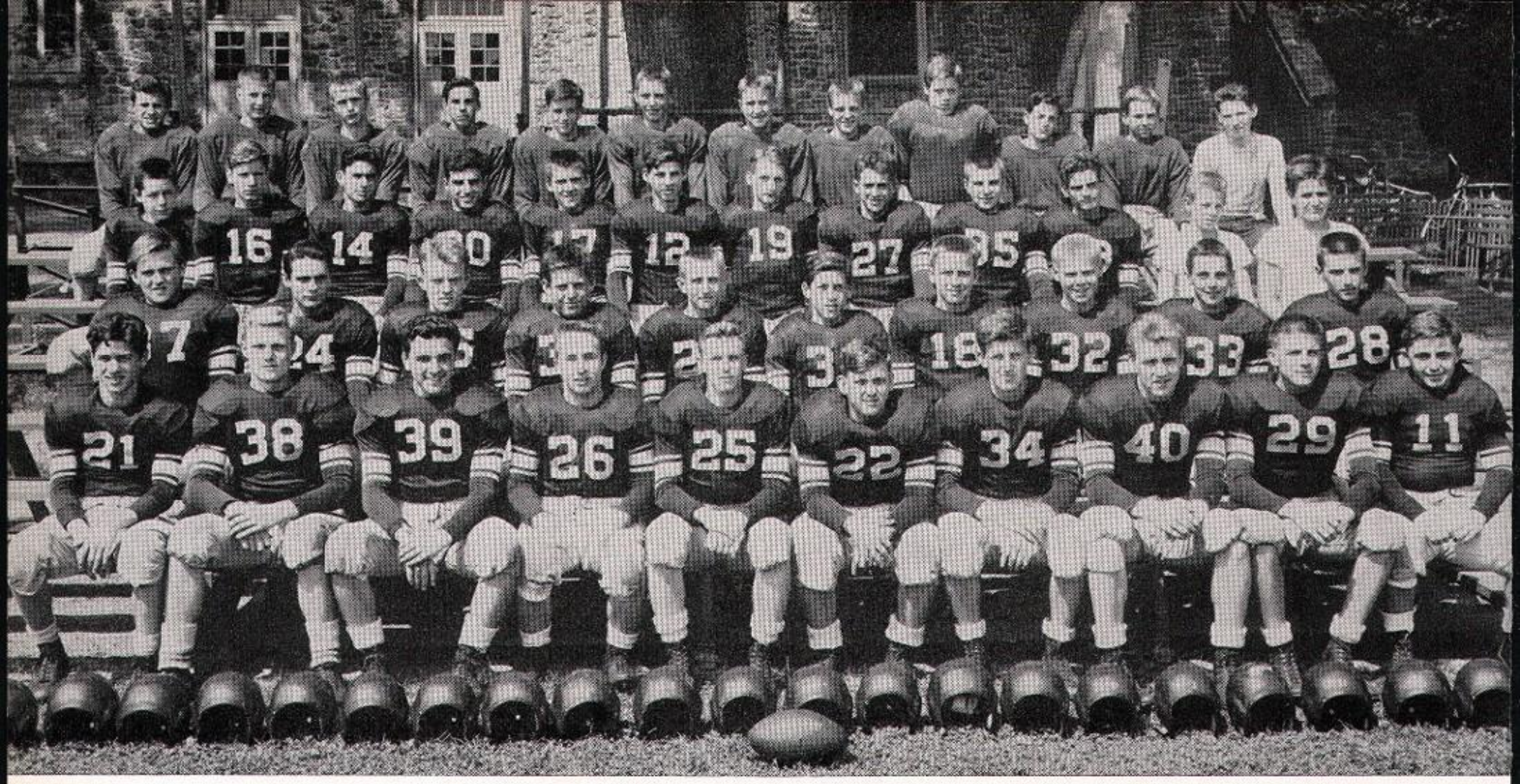

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Football Team

The Cowboys opened their schedule with the Coplay tilt. Following an enemy tally, Skip Loser ripped loose for a touchdown jaunt, but Coplay markers insured a 20-6 verdict.

Our boys evened the count by blanking West Pottsgrove on their next outing. A five-yard buck by Carl Schnellenbach started the fireworks. Bill Kaley and Jack Shaner brought the final reading to 18-0.

The Cowboys first league tussle saw them hold Boyertown's Bears to a 7-7 halftime stalemate, after which the visitors upped the count to 34-7.

A heartstopper with Wilson's Prexies was on top next. A foreign field goal changed the lead, and the 9-7 score stuck.

Following a 39-0 reversal by Manheim, the Hubleymen met the Speedboys. When dynamic Bob DiMascio rammed the ball over, victory was in sight, but a kick spelled the difference; Shillington grabbed the 7-6 prize.

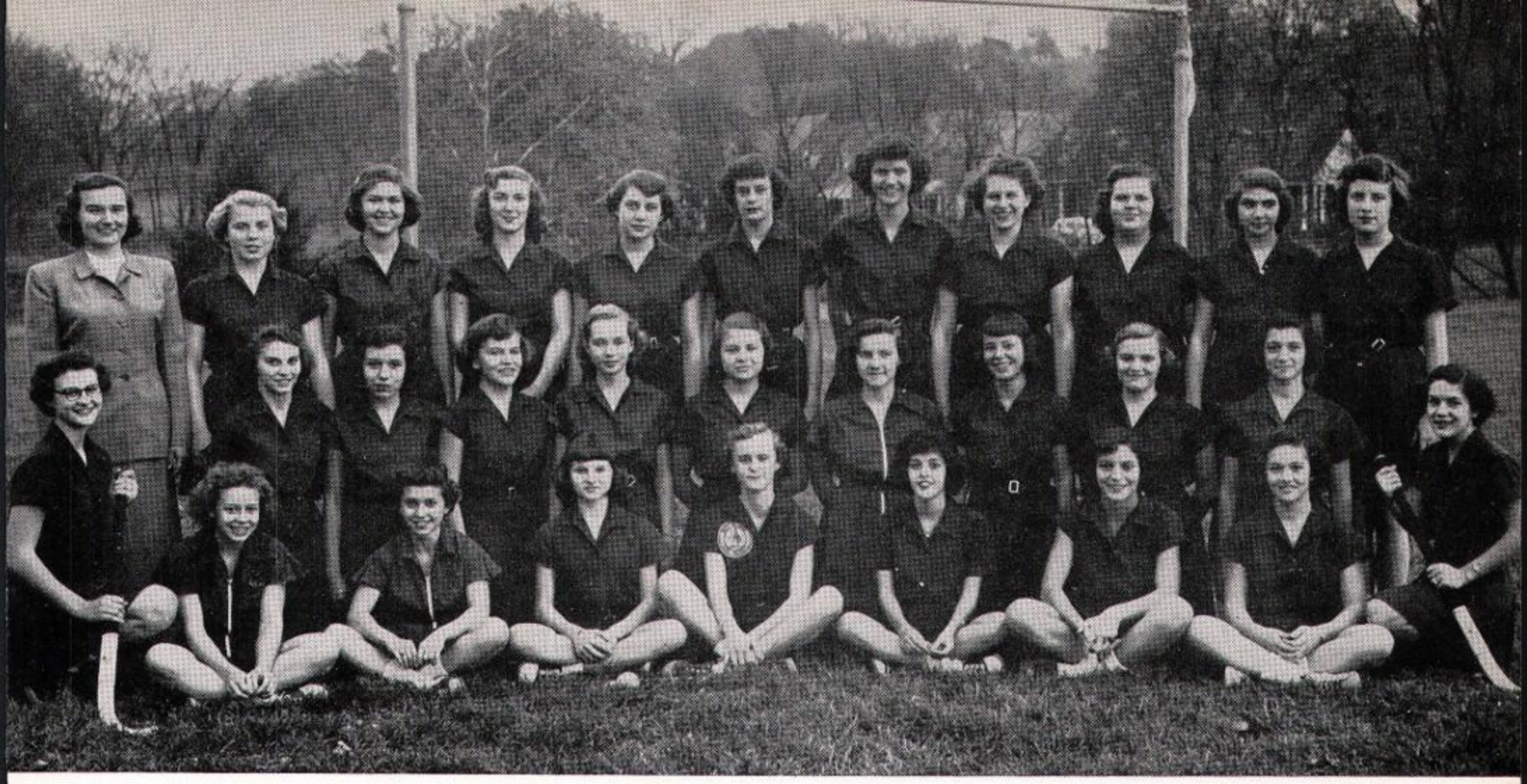
The Cowboys tossed a scare into Muhlenberg's powerhouse eight days later, but they bowed 35-14.

The Hubleymen faced their final tilt with Wyomissing after a two-week rest. Bill Kaley drew first blood on an 11-yard sprint. Skip Loser upped the gap with a 26-yard touchdown journey. Sid Kline's gallop failed to change the Sunset's fate, the whistle blowing with a 14-7 verdict.

Thus the season's record stood at two wins and six losses.

The departing seniors include Bob Lechleitner, John Thompson, Tom Harkin, Ronald Stoudt, Bill Greenleese, David Smith, Mike Reilly, Roddy Feeg, Jerry Bright, Andy Gray, Skip Loser, Jerry Busch, and Bob DiMascio.

Our Baby Cowmen under the able direction of Coach Marlin Kessler, romped through a season much like our varsity. Every game the Kesslermen played proved tough opposition to our opponents. Out of the four games played, three were lost by six points while the other game was lost by a seven point margin.



Left to Right, Seated—L. Haehnel, J. McNear, M. Di Mascio, J. Gift, L. Leinbach, J. Graver, G. Ciervo, R. Cardinal, J. Cuifici. *Kneeling*—B. Burk, I. Potteiger, B. Churan, J. Kohl, F. Horn, M. Wertz, G. Olwine, F. Hettinger, N. Piscitelli. *Standing*—Miss Lieb, J. Bouchat, M. Showers, R. Lelgemann, C. Horn, S. Luckenbill, M. Brunner, J. McKently, W. Scheck, S. Wade, L. Hagenbuch.

Hockey

Under the capable and enthusiastic coaching of Miss Rita Lieb, the Cowgirls romped through their hockey season with three victories, three defeats, and two ties. Only after hard-fought battles, the Cowgirls suffered defeat at the hands of such teams as Albright College, Reading, and Shillington.

The best offensive campaign of the season was aimed against the blue and white of Wyomissing, when the Cowgirls beat the Sunsets 4-0. The first half brought good results, when Jean Cuifici made the lone tally to shove the Sunsets' lassies under 1-0.

During the second half, three more tallies were racked up by Jean Cuifici, Gloria Ciervo, and Barbara Burk respectively, to bury Wyomissing 4-0.

One of the toughest battles was with Shillington, when the Speedgirls romped to a 2-0 victory.

The West Reading lineup was as follows: Marilyn Wertz, left wing; Barbara Churan, left inner; Jean Cuifici, center forward; Rita Cardinal, right inner; Barbara Burk, right wing; Carolyn Horn, left halfback; Joan McNear, center halfback; Joanne Graver, right halfback; Lucie Haehnel, left fullback; Joan Bouchat, right fullback; and Ruth Lelgemann, goalie. Others on the team were Mildred Brunner, Margie DiMascio, Lynn Hagenbuch, Frances Hettinger, Florence Horn, Jeanette Kohl, Lynn Leinbach, Ruth Lelgemann, Susanne Luckenbill, Joan McKently, Georgine Olwine, Nancy Piscitelli, Iris Potteiger, Mary Showers, Bernadine Spangenberg, and Shirley Wade.

SCHEDULE

September 22—Mohnton A
September 29—Shillington A
October 3—Wilson H
October 6—Reading A
October 13—Muhlenberg H
October 14—Albright College H
October 17—Wyomissing H
October 18—Mt. Penn A

Left to Right, First Row—M. Wertz, F. Hettinger, N. Piscitelli, S. Bewley, B. Churan.

Second Row—J. McNear, J. Graver, L. Haehnel, R. Lelgemann, J. Cuifici, M. DiMascio.

Cheerleaders

Vim, vigor, vitality, and school spirit galore—that's what our smiling cheerleaders possess. They form the backbone of the cheers that spur our teams on to victory at all basketball and football games.

The voice behind the voice—our cheerleaders: Jean Cuifici, Joanne Graver, Lucie Haehnel, Ruth Lelgemann, Margie DiMascio, and Joan McNear. They are the varsity cheerleaders.

The Jayvee squad consisted of Shirley Bewley, Barbara Churan, Frances Hettinger, Bernadine Spangenberg, and Marilyn Wertz.

The junior high squad included Suzanne Dauber, Joyce Gift, Frances LeVan, Barbara Nelson, and Louise Stoudt. They will perhaps form the nucleus of the jayvee squad next year. Although the junior high squad did not see much action this year, they received a few fundamentals from the performances they did make.

Next year the pert and pretty cheering squad will be without the aid of Jean Cuifici, who was captain of the present squad, and Joanne Graver, both seniors in the departing 1950 class.

Left to Right, First Row—J. Bright, J. Shaner, J. Rentschler, K. Schnellenbach, B. Leightheiser, A. Gray. *Second Row*—B. Brown, J. Rhoda, R. Lechleitner, R. Feeg, E. Brown. *Third Row*—Mr. Shaner, R. Leisey, Mgr., R. DiMascio, Mgr., M. Reilly, Mgr.

Varsity Basketball

Coach John Shaner's varsity quintet completed one of the most disastrous basketball campaigns in the history of West Reading High School. Final tabulations credit the basket-bombers with two wins as against fourteen setbacks.

First half standings listed the Cowboys as cellar dwellers; whereas, in the second part of the season, the homesters were credited with an eighth place showing.

In the season's opener, the Shanermen clashed with Muhlenberg's Muhls. A 51-26 verdict gave hint of worst things to come.

The next four outings proved equally discouraging. Mt. Penn eked out a 45-40 decision, Kutztown ran wild in running up a 65-28 count, Shillington came out on top in a 44-33 score, and Birdsboro carried off a 40-35 victory.

The Wyomissing tussle was a heart stopper from start to finish. The players battled desperately before the usual crowd of howling fans. The bell ended the spirited play with the Cowboys on top, 44-39. The Sunsets' siege gun, Sid Kline, rammed home twenty-five markers, but Bud Leightheiser and Roger Feeg equaled this production in leading Coach Shaner's proteges to a hard-earned triumph.

This contest was the last one in which the team's followers had something to cheer about for a long time to come. The next eight games resulted in the same outcome—defeat. This period should rightly be called the Dark Ages. The sad statistics will be omitted.

Then one Friday evening the situation changed; Hamburg's Hawks invaded the W.R.H.S. court intent on keeping our outfit on the skids. A repetition of the previous tilt with the Hawks was expected; but our boys had different ideas. Six foot, five inch Carl Greth managed to register only thirteen tallies, while Jerry Bright caught fire and dunked twenty digits. The rest of the Cowboys joined in the fireworks and West Reading nailed down its second victory, 50-45.

The final contest of the season matched Coach Shaner's basketeers against the Wilson Prexies. The resulting score was 56-34 in favor of, you guessed it, the Prexies.

Jerry Bright proved to be the most consistent point-producer for the aggregation, collecting a total of 158 points. Roger Feeg was his able scoring lieutenant as he garnered 96 counters.

Of the dozen members on the squad, half will be gone next year. The diploma route claimed Jerry Bright, Roger Feeg, Bob Lechleitner, Dennis Edwards, Earl Brown, and Andy Gray. Coach Shaner will attempt to mold a winning combine around Carl Schnellenbach, Jack Shaner, Jack Rhoda, Bud Leightheiser, Bruce Brown, and Jim Rentschler. Several up-and-coming jayvee ball players will complete the array.

Left to Right, First Row—D. McDonald, N. Chapman, J. Beyerle, D. Reichert, P. Bailey, C. DeCamillo. *Second Row*—F. Wagner, L. Talarico, D. Lemin, G. Metz, R. Reber, T. Marino. *Third Row*—R. Cremer, R. Leisey, R. DiMascio, M. Reilly, Managers; Mr. Hubley.

Coach Marlin Kessler's baby Cowmen proved their determination to win by having one of their more successful seasons this year. Their .700 league and 1.000 non-league records are the result of many practice sessions for which the coach and team surrendered much time.

Even though our first encounter was a 25-15 setback at Wilson's hands, the spunky lads retaliated by pouncing upon Sinking Spring. This result was a 39-33 decision.

It was not long until we again tasted the bitter fruit of defeat 31-28 at the hands of Kutztown. The tilt was played on the Kutztown hardwoods. It might have been this setback which urged us on to three successive victories. After conquering the "Mules" 25-17, we edged out Mohnton by 7 points in a 45-38 duel. The Kesslerites confidently mutilated Sinking Spring, marking up 45 digits against their hosts' 12.

Again the Cowboys faced the Wilson brigade, intent on seeking revenge. But it was not in the books as the Red and White nosed us out by a 28-24 result. Instilled with fighting vigor the Cowmen continued their "march of success", attacking Wyomissing 63-38, Muhlenberg 29-18, again Wyomissing 73-22, and Kutztown on the local floor. The latter contest resulted in a 49-43 decision. Mohnton fell 33-24 and we beat Wyomissing 65-32 to wind up the season. The season's total points stood at 533 for us and 361 for the opposition. This is an average of 42 digits per game for us as to 27.7 markers for the opposition.

Junior High Basketball

Junior Varsity Basketball

Coach Marty Hubley's basketeers finished their '49-'50 season with ten wins as against six losses. Compared with last year's .500 record, the season was highly successful. Compiling 577 points for the season to the opposition's 487, the Hubleyites averaged 36.1 points per game—5.7 points higher than the opponents' average. The high scorers were Jay Beyerle, Norm Metz, and Louie Talarico, who dunked 327 digits between them. Beyerle and Talarico also were high in foul shots, making 32 out of 46 and 34 out of 52 respectively. The coach's unfailing efforts and the player's co-operation brought about the .625 record.

The Hubleymen's first encounter resulted in a 27-30 defeat at Muhlenberg's hardwoods. The next three games, Mt. Penn 44-25, Kutztown 32-37, and Shillington 32-35, also ended the wrong way as far as we were concerned. After their fourth successive defeat, the Hubleyites, growing tired of losing, gathered themselves together and went all out to conquer Birdsboro 36-32, Wyomissing 49-28, and to whip Wilson by twelve digits. Finally reaching the .500 mark at the conclusion of the first half, West Reading then met Muhlenberg. They "took the wind out of our sails" by tickling the tassels for 41 markers against our 22. Then the "string of successes" began. We took Mt. Penn 41-39, Kutztown 34-30, and Shillington 38-25 to the woodshed. The J.V.'s walloped Birdsboro, collecting 35 points to their 18. But our arch-enemy, Wyomissing, came along to edge us out by one digit in a 40-39 duel. Not to wind up our season with a losing string, we defeated Hamburg 45-41 and, then in a 36-31 contest, edged Wilson for the season's finale.

Left to Right, First Row—L. Rentschler, D. Stoudt, D. Ciervo, R. Hafer, N. Cucinotta. *Second Row*—E. Kohl, R. Greenleese, R. Weller, H. Witwer, R. Daiello, B. Merritt. *Third Row*—R. Bright; Mgr., S. Northeimer; Mgr., C. Engle; D. Miller, J. Jones, Mr. Kessler.

Left to Right, First Row—S. Luckenbill, J. Cuifici, J. Bouchat, L. Haehnel, G. D'Ercole, J. Graver, P. Naylor. *Second Row*—R. Lelgemann, I. Potteiger, F. Hettinger, B. Reber, S. Bewley, G. Ciervo, B. Burk, C. Horn. *Third Row*—N. Piscitelli; Mgr., J. Flickinger; Mgr., M. Wertz, R. Cardinal, L. Leinbach, B. Churan; Mgr., Miss Lieb.

Girls' Basketball

"Get off your feet and shoot!" With this and many more phrases ringing in their ears, the West Reading Cowgirls began one of their daily basketball practices. Miss Rita Lieb, coach, did a remarkable job training the holdovers from last year and their aspirants.

The Cowgirls' season was not too successful as they posted a log of two victories and eleven defeats. However, several of the games were lost by only a few digits.

Our dependable junior, Lucie Haehnel, took top scoring honors by "racking up" 127 points in eleven games. In the runner-up position was Shirley Bewley, a sophomore, making 53 digits in ten games. Third place scoring honors went to Lynn Leinbach, a freshman, pocketing 49 points in 5 games.

The season's victories were attributed to the capable guards who kept the opponents' scores comparatively low.

Five out of the thirteen games played were non-league, the first on January 4, when the Cowgirls visited Reading High. The Reading giants turned back the Liebites to the tune of 32-14. Then on January 20, the Lassies romped to a 36-30 win over the Kutztown girls' sextet. The Cowgirls played a fine game against the West Reading alumnae, but were overpowered by their array 24-19. The Wyomissing Sunsets beat the Lassies by a 51-23 score. The final game of the season, an Athletic Association benefit game, was with our own West Reading J.Vs. The boys "racked up" 49 points to the girls' 23.

The youngest of the cowgirls picked up all their fundamentals and gave a good account of themselves in the few games they played. Next year the baby-Cowgirls should be well able to fill the positions vacated by Miss Lieb's girls who will graduate this year.

The team consisted of the following: Jean Cuifici, Gloria D'Ercole, Joanne Graver, Patricia Naylor, Susanne Luckenbill, Joan Bouchat, Gloria Ciervo, Lucie Haehnel, Carolyn Horn, Ruth Lelgemann, Shirley Bewley, Frances Hettinger, Iris Potteiger, Rita Cardinal, Lynn Leinbach, Barbara Reber, and Marilyn Wertz.

Barbara Churan served as manager, Judy Flickinger, scorer, and Nancy Piscitelli, timer.

SCHEDULE

		OPPONENTS	W.R.
December 6	Home	Mt. Penn—39	36
December 16	Home	Shillington—35	40
December 28	*Home	Alumnae—24	19
January 4	*Away	Reading—32	14
January 6	Home	Mohnton—32	18
January 13	Home	Wilson—55	35
January 20	*Home	Kutztown—30	36
January 24	Away	Mt. Penn—30	27
January 27	Away	Mohnton—41	25
January 31	Away	Shillington—30	32
February 10	*Away	Wyomissing—51	23
February 17	Away	Wilson—46	17
March 10	*Home	W.R.J.V. Boys—49	23

*—non-league games

Left to Right, First Row—W. Hiester, J. Cuifici, G. Johnston, J. Gift. *Second Row*—L. Leinbach, S. Bewley, J. Kohl, C. Griffey, S. Wade. *Third Row*—J. Graver, Mgr., J. Bouchat, L. Haehnel, M. Haas, C. Horn, R. Lelgemann. *Absent from picture*—S. Luckenbill, S. Feick.

Volleyball

"Spike that ball!" with this and many more familiar phrases ringing in their ears, the Cowgirls volleyball team, under the able direction of Miss Rita Lieb, began one of their daily volleyball practices. Many similiar phrases were shouted during the many grueling contests with such teams as Muhlenberg, Wilson, Mt. Penn, Wyomissing, and Sinking Spring.

The Liebites, in their first game, turned the Sinking Spring Bruins back to the tune of 72-17. The next two games, with Wilson and Wyomissing spelled defeat for the West Reading Cowgirls.

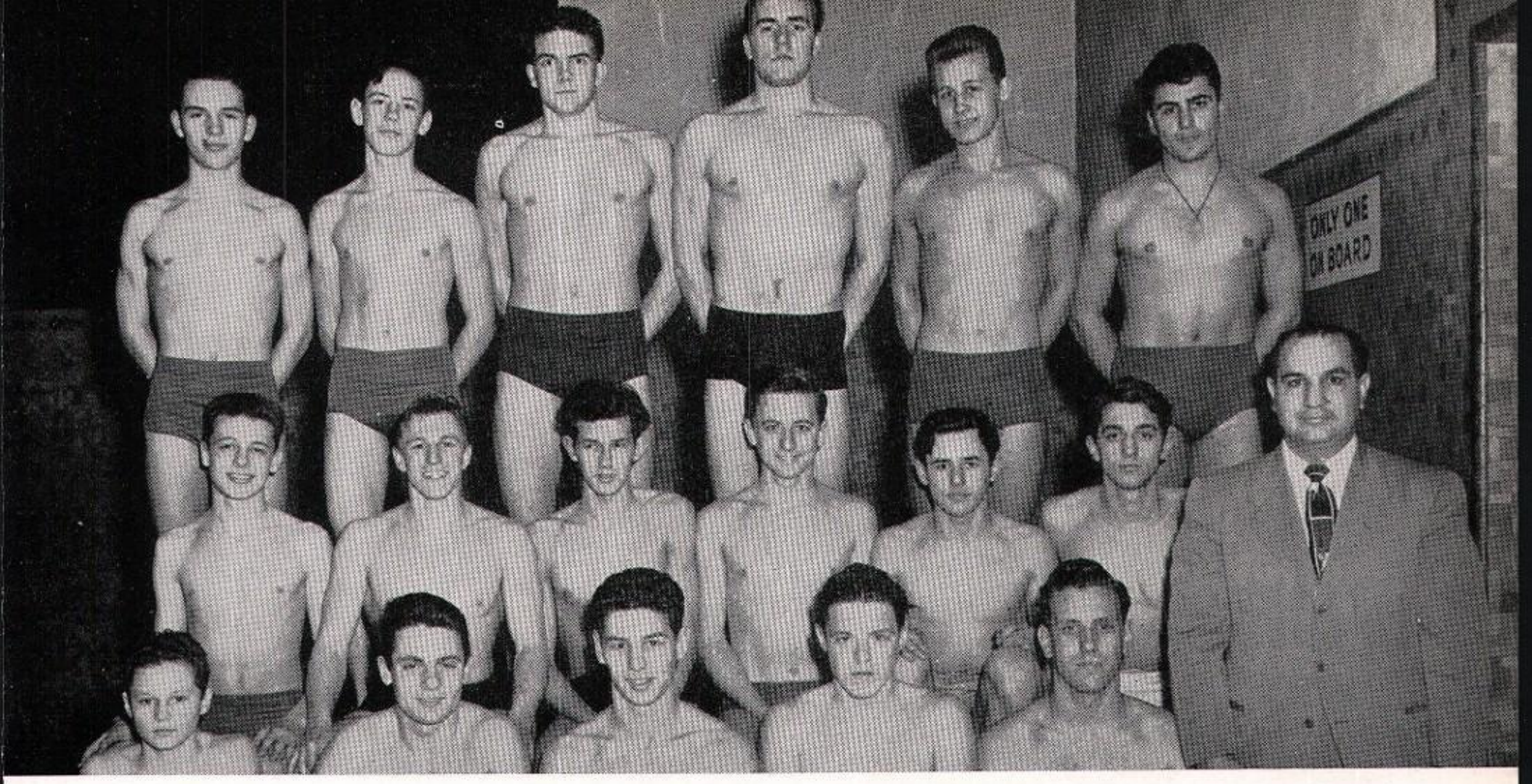
On March 16, they played two games, winning one, Muhlenberg being the loser. At the end of the first quarter, the Muhls were ahead 11-6, but the powerful array of Cowgirls broke lose and made a nineteen point gain, capturing the laurels, 25-16. The second game of the day was lost to Mt. Penn's experienced octet.

On March 20, the Liebites travelled to Wyomissing, and won two games. Muhlenberg and Sinking Spring being the "less fortunates."

The team next year will be without the help of Jean Cuifici, Shirley Feick, Mollie Haas, Gay Johnston, Jacqueline Lavigna, and Suzanne Luckenbill, who are seniors in the departing 1950 class. The following will form the nucleus of next year's team: Joan Bouchat, Gloria Ciervo, Lucie Haehnel, Carolyn Horn, Ruth Lelgemann, Mildred Auge, Shirley Bewley, Joan Gift, Jeanette Kohl, Shirley Wade, Wilma Hiester, Lynn Leinbach, and Carol Griffey.

SCHEDULE

March 14—Wyomissing, Wilson, Sinking Spring
March 16—Muhlenberg, Mt. Penn
March 20—Muhlenberg, Sinking Spring
March 22—Wyomissing, Wilson
March 24—Shillington, Wyomissing
March 27—Mt. Penn, Shillington
March 29—Mohnton, Mt. Penn



Left to Right, First Row—W. Heister, C. Schnellenbach, R. DiMascio, J. Spannuth, D. Straub, Mr. Capaldi. *Second Row*—J. Munroe, F. Loser, D. Lemin, P. Bailey, C. Baer, W. Kaley. *Third Row*—R. Rickenbach, R. Sands, J. Thompson, R. Lechleitner, J. Busch, C. DeAngelo.

Swimming Team

West Reading High School's swimming team, coached by Mr. Lewis Capaldi, fell one short of the .500 mark in overall competition in 1950, compiling a record of four wins and five losses. In Berks County Swimming League competition, the mermen sported a 4-1 mark, good enough for the second slot.

The four pre-season meets with Lancaster and Hershey, both on a home and away basis, proved rough going for the natators.

At the Red Roses' pool, the Capaldimen suffered a 50-11 reversal. Sparked by Carl Schnellenbach's double win, the losers narrowed the margin in the return engagement, 44-22.

The tank team reached their lowest mark in the school's history when they bowed before a terrific onslaught at Hershey, 60-6. The Trojans swept every event to register this total. A 54-12 score proved to be the result of the second clash.

Determined to snap their losing streak, the Cowmen turned on Shillington in their loop inaugural. The 49-12 outcome proved to be the necessary tonic and sparked a comeback.

Two more victories in rapid succession placed the merlads in the league's driver's seat. Continuing to roll against Wilson resulted in a 50-11 landslide. The Speedboys tried to upset the applecart in the return tussle, but Coach Capaldi's lads prevailed, 38-23.

Our swimmers met their masters in the form of Reading High's Red Knights. A 43-18 defeat dropped them from their pedestal. A relay victory proved to be the only bright spot that night.

Originally Reading was not allowed to enter the league, but a later meeting resulted in the reversal of the decision. Had the first ruling been permitted to remain, the Cowmen would now be champs, for the final meet of the season ended in a runaway.

This meet was the second with the Wilson lads. Coach Capaldi gave his reserves a chance to shine, and they came through with West Reading High School's most convincing margin of victory, 55-6.

Five members of the team participated in the annual P.I.A.A. District 3 Championships at Millersville. The medley trio of Bob DiMascio, Bob Lechleitner, and Carl Schnellenbach captured fifth place. Bob Rickenbach's sixth and Woody Hiester's eighth in the diving event, plus Schnellenbach's sixth in the 50-yard free style completed the team's activities.

Carl Schnellenbach tallied 54 points to grab individual scoring honors for the season. Bob Rickenbach, 23; Woody Hiester, 21; and Phil Bailey, 20, were the only others to tally twenty or more points.

Those swimmers who will fail to return are Jerry Busch, Bob DiMascio, Captain Bob Lechleitner, Fred Loser, Bob Rickenbach, and John Thompson, manager.

Left to Right, First Row—W. Greenleese, J. Bright, D. Edwards, A. Gray, R. Leisey, F. Loser. *Second Row*—M. Reilly, R. Ellis, J. Rhoda, J. Beyerle, J. Rentschler, J. Shaner, K. Neuroth. *Third Row*—D. Straub, R. Reber, D. Reichert, B. Brown, P. Hower, R. McGrath. *Fourth Row*—C. DeCamillo, C. DeAngelo, D. Lemin, R. Greenleese, D. McDonald, N. Chapman, Mgr. *Fifth Row*—Coach Kessler, E. Hiester, Mgr., Coach Hubley.

Baseball

When springtime arrived, the sports conversation, naturally, turned to baseball.

This year Coach Marlin Kessler was blessed with a veteran aggregation. Mr. Hubley and Mr. Capaldi assisted in the master-minding of the club.

A total of fifteen lettermen returned from last year's squad. Only three starters failed to return: Ammon Heckler, Guinther Janssen, and Connie Hiester.

The remaining positions were set with Andy Gray, Jerry Bright, Jack Rhoda, Jim Rentschler, and Jack Shaner ready to handle the chores.

Perhaps the most encouraging note concerned the mound staff. No less than three veteran hurlers reported for duty. Mike Reilly, Doug McDonald, and Dick Leisey combined to form a powerful argument against the opposing batsmen.

Bill Greenleese, Jay Beyerle, Ray Reber, Dale Reichert, Anthony Marino, Karl Neuroth, Buddy McGrath and several newcomers eased the burden of selecting the remaining starters.

Following several indoor practice sessions, the diamond aspirants invaded the playground to improve their performances.

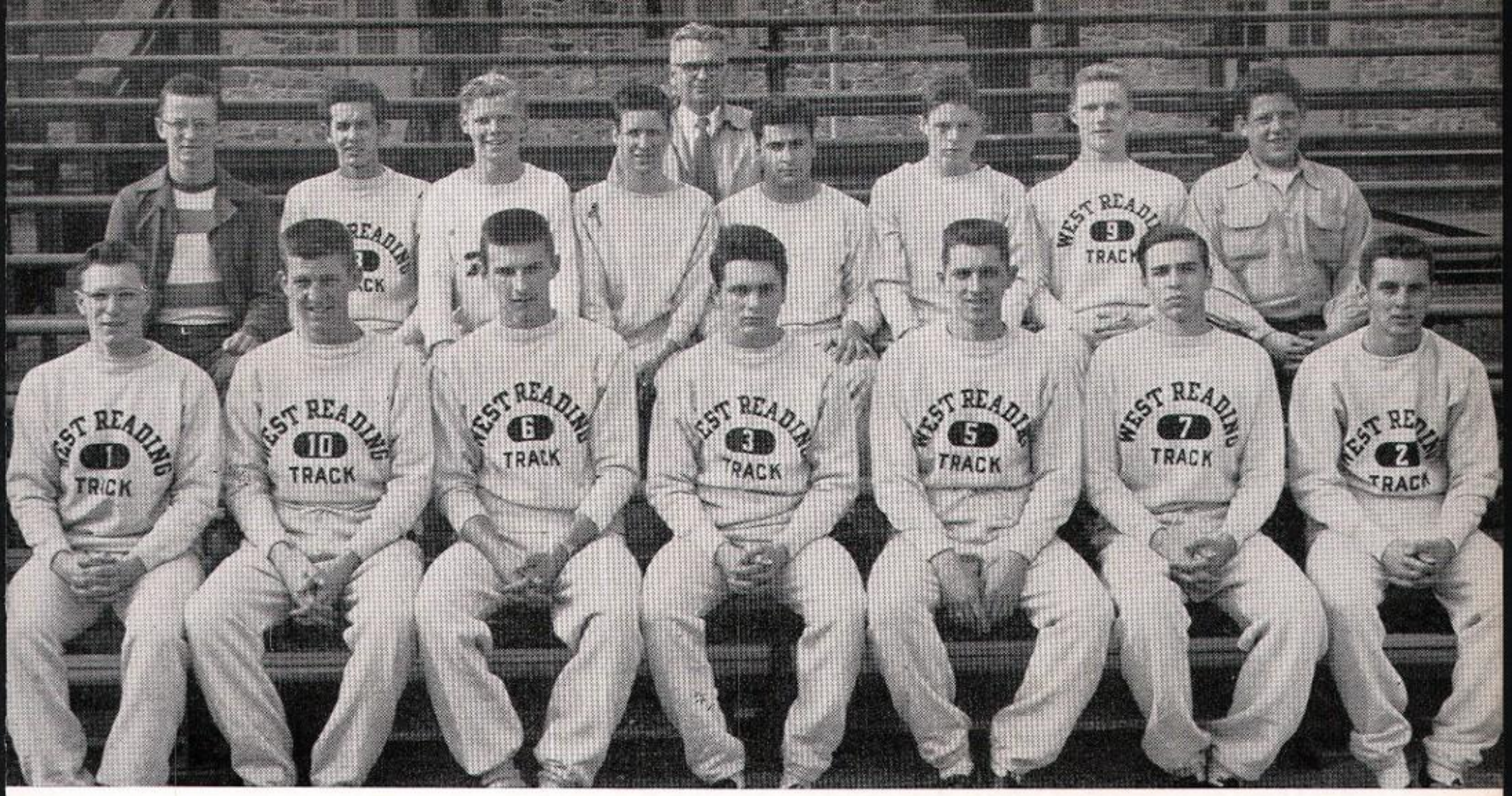
The season's inaugural pitted the Cowboys against the Speedboys from Shillington. This tilt was played on the local field on Monday, April 10. Dual encounters with Mt. Penn, Wilson, Shillington, Wyomissing, and Muhlenberg comprised the Kesslerites ten game league schedule. The final game on Thursday, May 11, found the Cowboys opposing their arch rivals, Wyomissing, at the Sunsets' lair.

Coach Kessler's aggregation displayed plenty of hustle throughout the season. From the start this fighting combine was a cinch to eclipse their previous year's record of three victories and seven losses.

1950 BASEBALL SCHEDULE

April *10—Shillington
April 13—Wilson
April *17—Mt. Penn
April 21—Muhlenberg
April *24—Wyomissing
April 27—Shillington
May *1—Wilson
May 4—Mt. Penn
May *8—Muhlenberg
May 11—Wyomissing

*Home games



Left to Right, First Row—F. Loser, J. Bright, R. Feeg, C. Schnellenbach, W. Kaley, E. Brown, J. Shaner. *Second Row*—P. Bailey, Mgr., D. Lemin, J. Rentschler, T. Cardinal, C. DeAngelo, J. Spannuth, W. Greenleese, R. Bright, Mgr. *Third Row*—Coach Shaner.

Track

Track is a growing sport at West Reading and the team went all out this year to beat last year's records. John Shaner, Director of Athletics, again coached the cindermen throughout their eleven meet schedule during which they tried to "bring home the bacon".

The year's highlight was the West Reading Interscholastics. It was of prime interest, not only to the participants, but also to the citizens of the borough. This meet was one of the three big high school track meets of Berks County; the others being the Albright College and the Shillington meets.

Here are some of the records West Reading hoped to break. Triangular Meet (Mohnton, West Reading, Mt. Penn), West Reading—first with 44 5/6 points; Albright College Meet, West Reading—fifth with 14 digits; Lebanon Relays, West Reading—second in 440 with 6 markers; and the West Reading Interscholastics, West Reading—fifth.

If it were not for the support of the faculty, student body, and the coaches, we could not have had a track team. It is hard to realize the benefits one gets from track and other sports. We are quite fortunate in having the support of the school board behind our athletic program.

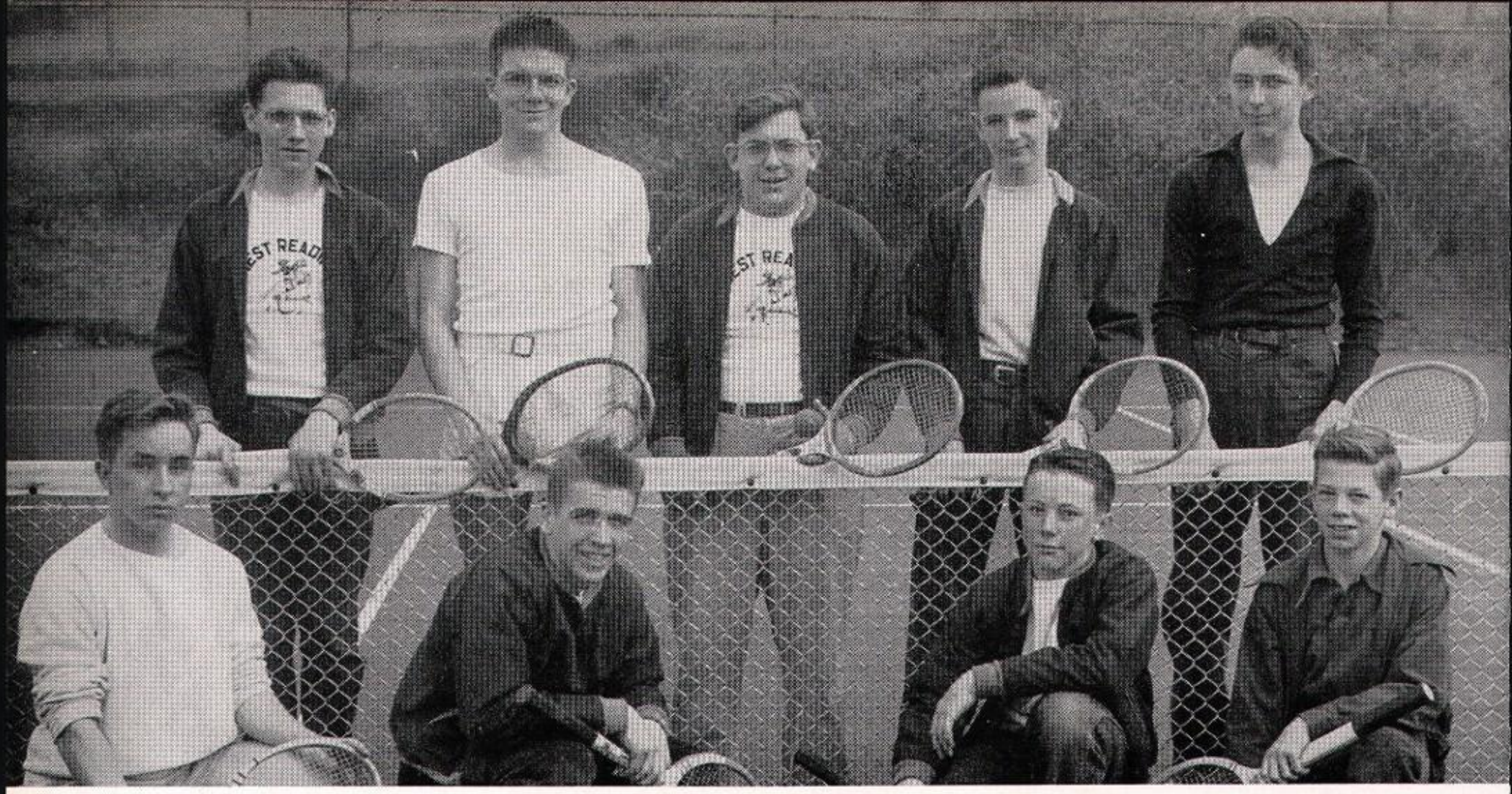
Many veterans returned, as well as a host of newcomers. They hoped to justify our expectations of a good season as well as better seasons yet to come.

But the track team, as did our many other teams, played against powerful competition. They definitely had to be on their toes at all times.

Whatever the track team and Coach Shaner did, win or lose, we have had the satisfaction of being behind them 100 per cent, knowing that they were out to win.

SCHEDULE

April 12—Quadrangular Meet
April 14—Triangular Meet
April 19—Quadrangular Meet
April 22—Albright Meet
April 28—Penn Relays
May 6—West Reading Interscholastics
May 9—Lebanon Relays (night meet)
May 10—Venzke Relays, Boyertown
May 13—Shillington Meet
May 20—Dist. 3 Meet, Lancaster H. S.
May 27—State Meet, State College



Left to Right, First Row—T. Harkin, B. Leightheiser, T. Voelker, L. Rentschler. *Second Row*—F. Stoyer, J. Thompson, D. Smith, D. Cherry, G. Nagle.

Tennis Team

"Watch out for West Reading High School's tennis aggregation" was the cry that echoed and re-echoed throughout the county a few months ago. The raquet men were on the move and the opposition knew it.

Three returning veterans sparked the team in this year's engagements. They Were Bud Leightheiser, Dave Smith, and Fred Stoyer. The remainder of the array was composed of Robert Rickenbach, Tom Harkin, John Spannuth, Joseph Piscitelli, Thomas Voelker, Donald Cherry, David Diener, Larry Rentschler, and George Nagle. Miss Rita Lieb guided the tennis players.

The tenniseers benefited greatly from construction work completed recently at the playground. Besides the two courts on the eastern end of the playing area, four new courts were ready to use. A huge practice board helped the boys gain speed and precision in their drives.

Nearly every afternoon the Cowmen were down on the courts, working hard to improve their play. The many hours of arduous practice paid off in the end. They completed a successful season against both Berks County Tennis League members and non-loop opponents.

Every contest was played to be won. Improving upon last year's record was the constant objective.

The individual championships were conducted again at the conclusion of the regular season. Bud Leightheiser carried our banners at this affair and he faired very well.

We should be justly proud of our tennis team. The members fought earnestly to uphold the prestige of our school.

Left to Right, First Row—J. Gift, Mr. Shaner, P. Bailey, W. Greenleese, L. Talarico, Mr. Manwiller, Miss Lieb. *Second Row*—J. Damore, P. Moyer, B. Burk, J. Shaner, C. Cardinal, R. Lelgemann, R. Cardinal, B. Schearer. *Third Row*—J. Hepler, D. Geiss, G. D'Ercole, S. Luckenbill, B. Nelson, J. Miller, J. Piscitelli, R. Reber, A. Gray. *Fourth Row*—T. Gabriel, H. Witwer, B. Keim, B. Klopp.

Athletic Association

Everyone is aware of the extensive athletic program conducted in the West Reading High School. The Athletic Association has been one of the most important organizations in the school, and one which received little mention.

The association was organized to promote sports, encourage participation, and establish high standards of conduct and sportsmanship among players and spectators. The Athletic Association that met every other Wednesday during activity period was the invisible worker behind every sport, scheduling all athletics and arranging and supervising the Inter-Scholastic Track Meet.

The association was also responsible for all of the athletic events held at our playground, the profits of which went to the organization. These proceeds were used for an insurance fund which covered the sports participants and also for the purchase of new equipment.

Their social event of the year was a sport hop. In addition, they sponsored a special basketball night, during which the girls' varsity team clashed with the boys' junior varsity sextet, followed by the main event, the American Legion vs. West Reading High School faculty.

The Athletic Council also worked with the Athletic Association, The student body elected the officers, and together with the faculty managers, comprised the association.

The officers for the 1949-1950 term, with William Greenleese as president, were Phil Bailey, vice-president; Louis Talarico, secretary; and Mr. Evan Manwiller, treasurer. Miss Rita Lieb and Mr. John Shaner, physical education instructors, served as advisers for this group.

Membership was restricted to two representatives from each homeroom, elected at the beginning of the year by the individual classes. The members from each homeroom were as follows:

12—1	Andy Gray, Sue Luckenbill
12—2	Gloria D'Ercole, Charles Cardinal
11—1	Jack Shaner, Ruth Lelgemann
11—2	Barbara Burk, Ray Reber
10—1	Joe Piscitelli, Pat Moyer
10—2	Joan Miller, Charles DeCamillo
9—1	Barbara Schearer, Harold Witwer
9—2	Rita Cardinal, David Geiss
8—1	Barbara Nelson, Gerald Bordic
8—2	Joyce Gift, Theodore Gabriel
7—1	James Hepler, Joyce Damore
7—2	William Kline, Rose Mary Unger

Secrets (?) of Our Seniors

Best female dancer ..... Hazel Bewley
Most attractive girl ..... Tina Borkert
Most temperamental ..... Gerald Bright
Most eligible bachelor ..... Earl Brown
Most handsome boy ..... Gerald Busch
"The smile of beauty" ..... Jeannette Campitelli
Our "Tarzan" ..... Charles Cardinal
Most popular girl ..... Jean Cuifici
Dizziest ..... Gloria D'Ercole
Best sport ..... Robert DiMascio
Most quiet ..... Dorothy Dissinger
99 44/100% Pure ..... Dennis Edwards
Our "Storyteller" ..... Patricia Ephlin
Class actor ..... Roger Feeg
Our "Quiz Kid" ..... Shirley Feick
Friendliest ..... Gloria Fiucci
Greatest Giggler ..... Barbara Geiss
Our pin-up girl ..... Joanne Graver
Male class athlete ..... Andrew Gray
Most popular boy ..... William Greenleese
Class actress ..... Joan Grimm
"Modest Maiden" ..... Paul Gring
Most domestic ..... Mary Ellen Haas
Our "Cowboy" ..... Thomas Harkin

Most talented ..... Nancy Homan
Most fascinating ..... Gay Johnston
Most shy ..... James Keim
Best natured ..... Harold Klinger
Female class athlete ..... Jacqueline Lavigna
Prettiest hair ..... Helen Lebo
Best male dancer ..... Robert Lechleitner
Class comedian ..... Richard Leisey
"Ladies' Man" ..... Fred Loser
Biggest schemer ..... Sue Luckenbill
First-to-get-married ..... Ann Moyer
Model Senior ..... Patricia Naylor
"Modest Maiden" ..... John Raser
"Woman Hater" ..... Michael Reilly
Class flirt ..... Doris Richter
Most likely to succeed ..... Robert Rickenbach
Most feminine ..... Josephine Rowley
Best sense of humor ..... Lewis Runkle
Most likely to succeed ..... Christine Showers
Class politician ..... David Smith
Class shiek ..... Ronald Stoudt
Laziest ..... Fred Stoyer
Prettiest voice ..... Louise Strattan
Biggest eater ..... John Thompson

MAIN FEATURE

HAZEL MIRIAM BEWLEY

General Business "Boz"

Very carefree is this chick,
'Cause she never misses a trick.

Assembly Comm. 4—Bridge 2—Jr. Chorus 1—MacDowell 3, 4—Vaquero 4; Sports Editor 4—Y-Teens 4—Basketball 1, 2, 3—Track 1—Volleyball 2, 3, 4.

NEVSA CHRISTINE BORKERT

General "Tina"

Tina, a small but popular girl,
Always goes places in a whirl.

Assembly Comm. 3—Class Play 3—Clipping Club 3—Costume 3, 4—County Chorus 4—Hospitality Comm. 2—Jr. Chorus 1—Knit and Purl 3, 4—MacDowell 2, 3, 4—Y-Teens 3, 4; Cabinet 4—Hockey 2, 3.

GERALD WILLIAM BRIGHT

General "Jerry"

Just mention to him the subject baseball,
And you can't get in any word at all.

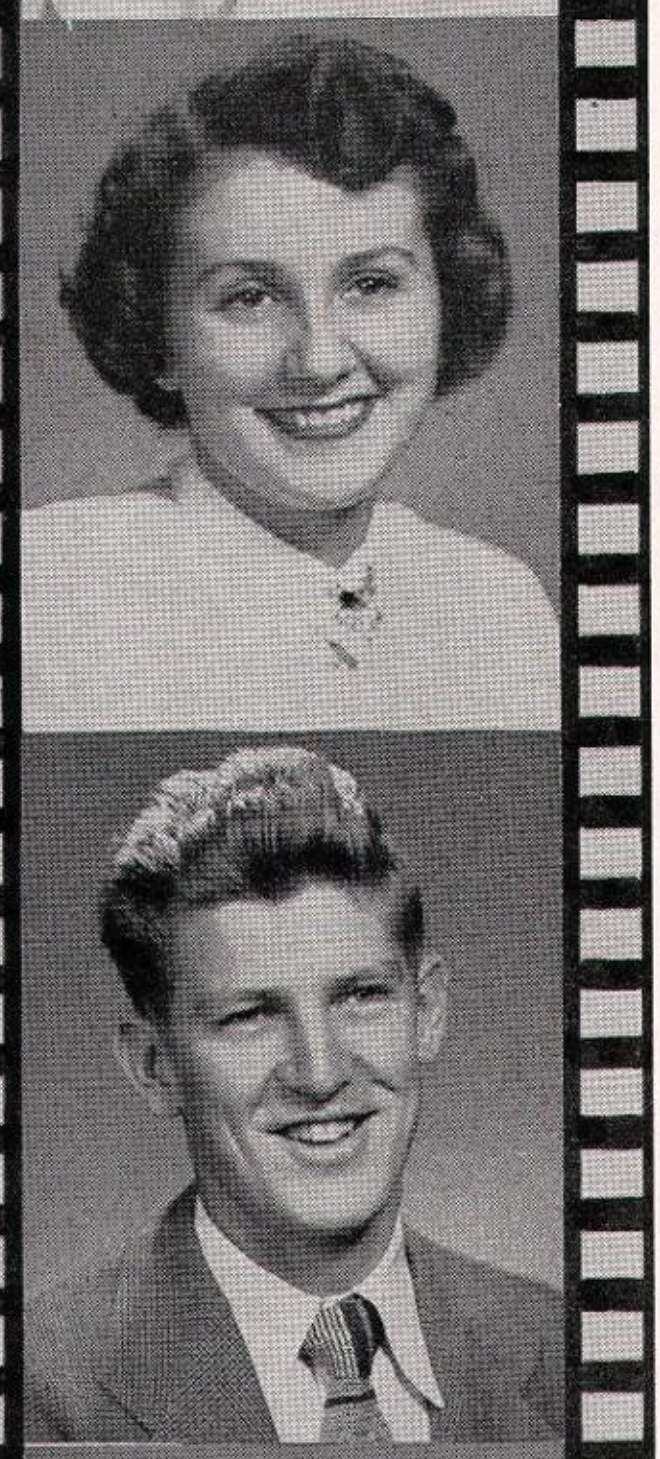
Chess Club 2—Graphic Arts 1—Hi-Y 3, 4—Science 2, 3, 4—Senior Display 3, 4—Baseball 2, 3, 4—Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4—Football 2, 3, 4—Track 1, 2, 3, 4.

EARL LeROY BROWN, JR.

General "Gundar"

Quiet, deliberate, honest and kind,
A friendlier boy you cannot find.

Assembly Comm. 1—Basketball 1—Football Manager 2, 3, 4—Sr. Science Club 1, 2, 3—Student Council 2—Basketball 4—Track 3, 4.



Hazel rushing to school at the last bell . . . her baby-talk to get out of trouble . . . her sighs whenever Reading High School was mentioned . . . vacating to the rear of the room in English class . . . her superb sense of humor.

The fun Joan, Glo, Barb, and I had at the sessions of the 41st Congress in Mr. Naylor's room after school . . . the day our class hats came . . . the swell shorthand classes with Miss Lebaris . . . my senior year, Curt, and my classmates.

That winning smile . . . her short stature . . . her attractive wardrobe . . . her generosity . . . those curly eye-lashes . . . that loyalty to the diner . . . her pet saying, "You know what" . . . her ambition to be a model . . . that attraction toward a certain senior boy . . . her love for green "Chevies."

The first junior high dance in our senior year . . . going to play golf after our tenth grade picnic . . . our gang . . . home-ec. class . . . my first W. P. A. dance . . . "Manny" . . . going to football games in Sue's car . . . "Josie" . . . coffee and conversation at the diner.

We'll always remember . . .

. . . I'll never forget

Jerry's dimples . . . his uncontrollable temper . . . moods . . . "Star Bright" . . . his singing ability . . . "J.V." Jerry . . . bad luck with girls . . . his dry humor . . . his dainty form while running . . . those sarcastic wisecracks . . . that mischievous smile . . . his everlasting friendship with Roddy.

Operating the juke-box for all of the sport hops . . . those nights at Bill's . . . my senior year on the football team . . . my first home-run in baseball . . . those Friday nights during basketball when I was a junior . . . those rides in Roddy's car.

"Small" Earl with "tall" Ginny . . . those sharp pivot shots in basketball . . . how fidgety he'd get when reciting in class . . . often seen but seldom heard . . . his disinterest in the opposite sex . . . our mathematical brain . . . his willingness to lend a helping hand.

The eighth grade trip to Phill . . . my lab periods with Moe and our jewel experiments . . . Benny's famous words, "Stout, this won't break" . . . my German classes with Schnelly, Goosie, and Lucie . . . working at the refreshment stand . . . our mechanical drawing classes.

GERALD ALLEN BUSCH

General "Ashley"

President of the class was his recent position.
To travel to New York is his main ambition.

Camera 2—Class Pres. 4—Class Play 3, 4—Dramatics 1, 2, 3, 4; Pres. 3, 4—Health Comm. 2—Hi-Y 1, 2—MacDowell 2, 3, 4—Monitor 2, 3, 4—Science 1—Football 4—Swimming 2, 3, 4—Track 1.

JEANNETTE A. CAMPITELLI

General "Jan"

Dark eyes and raven hair
Loving ways and a winsome air
A bit of temper and lots of pep,
And still there's more to our Jeannette.

Costume 1, 2, 3—Dramatics 4—Jr. Chorus 1—Library 1, 2—MacDowell 2, 3.

CHARLES C. CARDINAL, JR.

General "Junie"

It's fine to study books and rules.
But we also need men who are useful with tools.

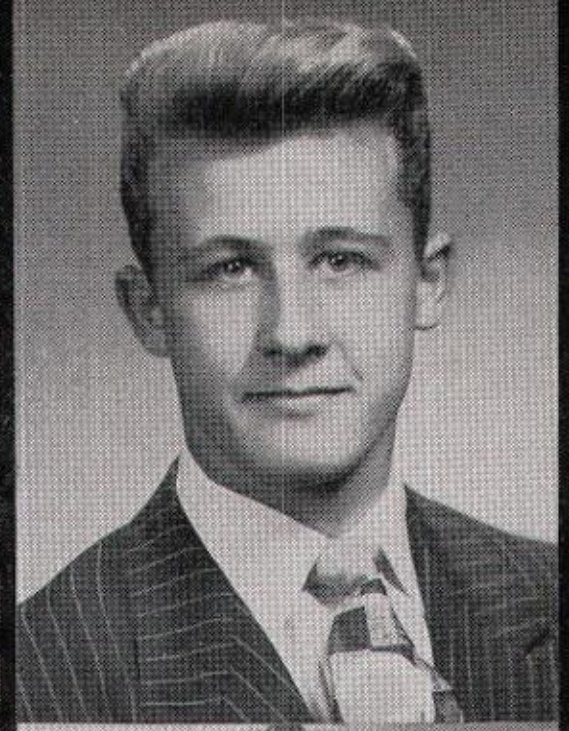
Art 1—Camera 2—Chess and Checkers 1—Cooking 1—Science 2, 4—Sr. Sportsmen 3, 4—Stage Craft 2, 3, 4—Student Council 1—Athletic Asso. 3, 4—Basketball 1, 3; Mgr. 1, 3—Football 2, 3.

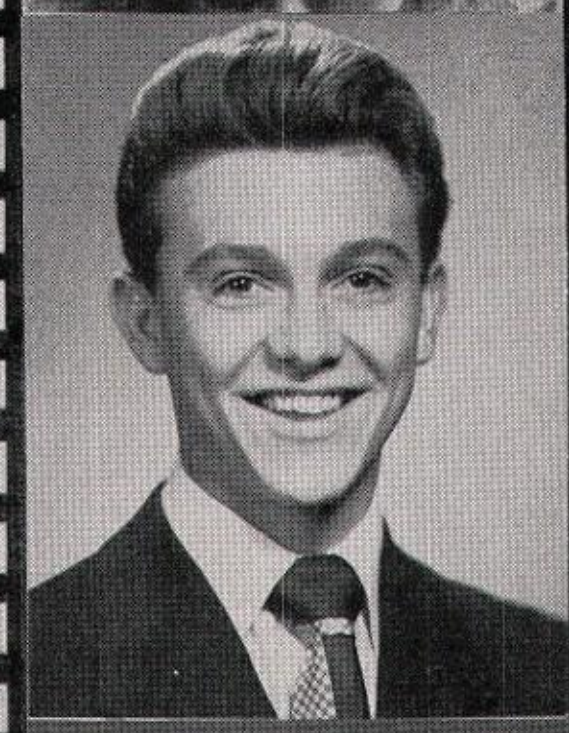
JEAN BEATRICE CUIFICI

General "Ra"

Never idle for a single minute;
Whenever there's work, you'll find her in it.

Assembly Comm. 3, 4—Class Sec. 4; Treas. 1—Clipping Club 1, 2—County Chorus 1, 3, 4—Dramatics 4—Girls' Sextet 3, 4—Lariat 4—MacDowell 1, 2, 3, 4—National Honor Society 3, 4—Student Council 3—Y-Teens 2, 3, 4—Athletic Asso. 3, 4; Pres. 3—Basketball 2, 3, 4—Hockey 2, 3, 4—Cheerleading 1, 2, 3, 4—Track 1, 2—Volleyball 2, 3, 4.





Jerry, as the busy senior president . . . his flirtatious eye . . . his loyalty to the refreshment stand . . . that superb physique . . . his faithfulness to New York . . . his acting ability . . . his tactful means of obtaining order at a class meeting.

My trips to my favorite New York blonde . . . initiation and my superior junior . . . Andy Gray chasing a pigeon in Philadelphia . . . our fashion show in tenth grade . . . the times I had with the swimming team . . . our trips to Philadelphia for coffee and doughnuts . . . Mrs. Gresh's eighth grade parties.

Jan and her moods . . . her homemaking ability . . . her breaking-up and making-up with that certain "someone" . . . her temper when she was really angry . . . the day she came to school with short hair . . . her attractive eyes.

Our wonderful eighth grade trip . . . that first big love affair . . . the first time on the stage in fourth grade . . . my first prom . . . writing letters to that certain serviceman . . . those first year shorthand classes . . . those "new" skirts . . . home-ec. and Miss Parker

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We'll always remember . . .

. . . I'll never forget

Junie and his "quiet" tones . . . his "shyness" toward girls . . . his "blond" hair . . . the "old man" of the class . . . how Junie paid his dues . . . his catching smile . . . his ability to wield the hammer . . . his unique zoot suits.

When I forgot how to spell my last name in fourth grade . . . the trouble I was always in and the fun I had getting out of it . . . "Bart's" music classes . . . how I behaved for Miss Lebaris in home room.

Jean's petite stature . . . her everlasting yim . . . that cherry "hi" . . . her nickname "Ra" . . . faithfulness to Bob . . . her dancing ability . . . the golden voice of the class . . . her many haircuts . . . helping others . . . steady streams of conversation . . . her athletic ability . . . "small but mighty."

"Manny" . . . fights in English class . . . the fun I had cheering . . . the fun we had decorating for sport hops . . . our wonderful hockey games . . . my rides in the green "Chevie" . . . "Boys Catch Girls" . . . our understanding Mr. Cobley . . . boy-hating week . . . my snake episode . . . initiation.

GLORIA ELIZABETH D'ERCOLE

Commericial "Glo"

One cannot turn a minute,
But mischief, she is in it.

Art 1—Assembly Comm. 3—Banking 3, 4—Bridge 2, 3—Camera 1, 2—Hospitality Comm. 4—Jr. Chorus 1—Lariat 2, 3—Monitor 4—Vaquero 4; Typing Ed. 4—Y-Teens 2, 3, 4; Treas. 4—Athletic Asso. 4—Basketball 4—Volleyball 3.

Rick, Best of luck in the future. Hope you have much fun in college. Glo

ROBERT V. DIMASCIO

Industrial Arts "Mazzi"

A football hero here we see;
He knows the game from "A" to "Z".

Art 3—Band 1, 2—Cooking 1—Jr. Nature 1—Sr. Sportsmen 3, 4—Stage Craft 3, 4; Pres. 4—Baseball 4; Mgr. 4—Football 3, 4—Swimming 3, 4.

Wrote on mine

DOROTHY MARIE DISSINGER

General "Dottie"

Courtesy and friendliness both are here,
There's modesty, too, with Dottie near.

Art 3, 4—Health Comm. 4—MacDowell 1, 2, 3, 4—Vaquero 3—Y-Teens 2, 3, 4.

Rick, I'll never forget Mrs. Gresh's study classes. I needed lots of luck to be a swell classmate. Best of luck to a swell classmate "Dottie"

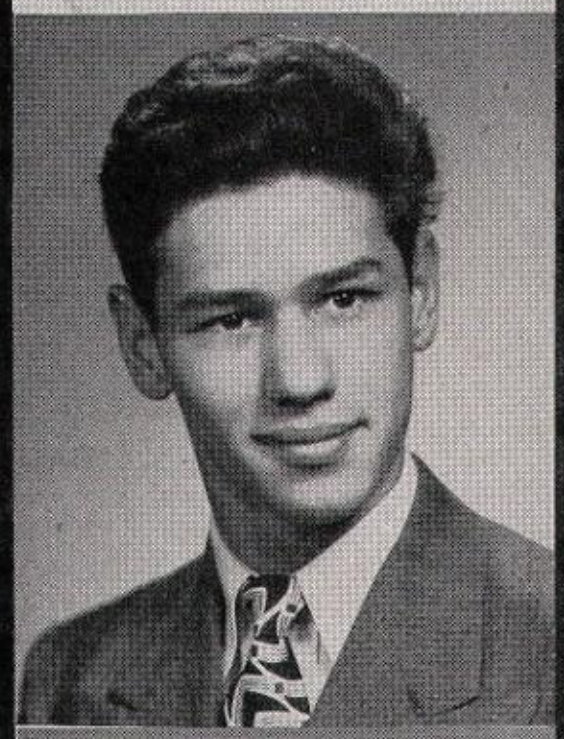
DENNIS DONALD EDWARDS

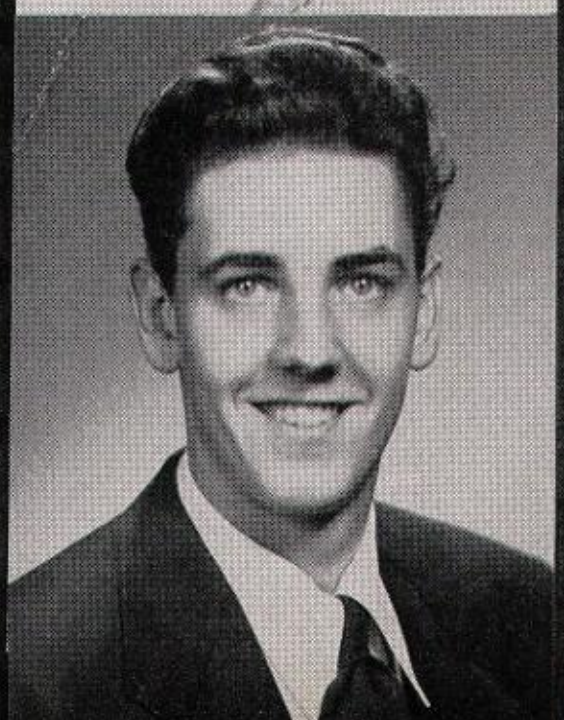
General "Denny"

Curly headed, fancy free,
Not too much work, that's the life for me!

Band 2, 3—Baseball 4—Graphic Arts 1, 2—MacDowell 3—Basketball 4.

To a good diver from a baseball player "Denny"





Glo's laughter ringing in the halls . . . her friendship with that male from Shillington . . . "Prince Valiant'" with her hair-cut . . . her neat sense of humor . . . an efficient treasurer of Y-Teens . . . her main ambition . . . her "accurate" typing for the Vaquero.

Hazel, Barb, Joan and Pat . . . initiation in tenth grade . . . how thirsty we got in Mrs. Gresh's study hall . . . waiting in line for our Mantoux tests . . . days when the 41st Congress held sessions after school . . . typing for "coach" during my free periods.

His notable football ability . . . often seen but seldom heard . . . his faithfulness to the Stage Craft . . . his right-hand man in the senior class . . . that black wavy hair . . . the work he did in Mr. Leininger's print class.

The fun I had in Stage Craft Club . . . my leisure spot in the grades—the jail bench . . . the big fire in shops . . . our trip to Philadelphia with Mr. Manwiller and Mrs. Gresh . . . the night before our football game with Wyomissing . . . eating pretzels every Thursday . . . the last day of school each year . . . my hard twelfth grade.

We'll always remember . . .

. . . I'll never forget

Dot's shyness . . . her many hand-knit sweaters and socks . . . those black curly locks . . . "Dorothy, please speak louder" . . . her pretty ribbon bows . . . the dislike she shows for the opposite sex . . . her fear of bugs.

Those "neat" biology classes . . . the thrilling games of "Boys Catch Girls" . . . our eighth grade trip . . . crawling up the stairs on my hands and knees for initiation . . . "You flunk" in driver training class . . . my classmates.

His famous Pennsylvania Dutch sayings . . . the mischief he gets into in home room period . . . his many girl friends . . . how he tried to transcribe Hazel's shorthand . . . his "curly-locks" flying about his face . . . his sudden reformation . . . his "pegged" dungarees.

Our tenth grade biology class . . . our initiation party . . . Mr. Leininger's favorite saying, "Cage the birdies" . . . my 10:20 arrivals . . . Mrs. Gresh getting kissed unexpectedly under the mistletoe at the eighth grade party . . . Mr. Leininger's "This angle won't break".

PATRICIA ANN EPHLIN

General Business "Pat"

Ever ready with merry jokes,
To cheer along the rest of the folks.

Bridge 3, 4—Costume 3; Pres. 3—County Chorus 1—Hospitality Comm. 4—Jr. Chorus 1, 2—Lariat 3, 4—Monitor 3, 4—Sr. Display 3—Sr. Exec. Comm. 4—Student Council 4—Y-Teens 3, 4; Cabinet 4—Athletic Asso. 2—Volleyball 3.

How she played Cupid for her classmates . . . the day she displayed her "sparkler" . . . her willingness to help friends and teachers . . . her ability to read . . . those homewritten stories . . . that "gentle ripple" of laughter . . . her up-to-date record collection.

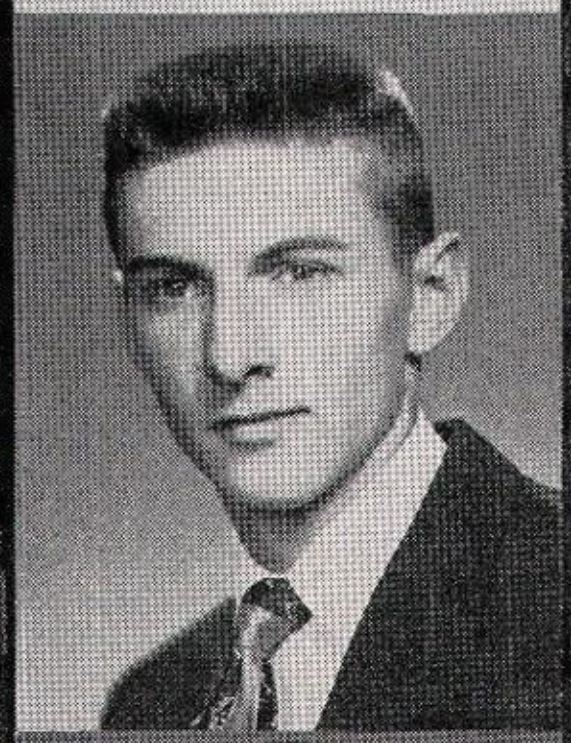
Being a monitor . . . the uproar at lockers before classes—due to seniors . . . senior sport hops . . . going to County Chorus in ninth grade . . . the Student Activities Conference . . . gathering at the diner after games . . . night walks with Joan . . . the neat class from which I was graduated.

ROGER KILLIAN FEEG

Academic "Roddy"

At many sports he is a star
This smiling lad will travel far.

Class Pres. 1, 2, 3—Class Play 3, 4—Debate 3—Dramatics 1, 2, 3, 4—Hi-Y 1, 2, 3, 4—MacDowell 2, 3, 4—Monitor 2, 3, 4—Science 1—Student Council 3, 4; Pres. 4; V. Pres. 3—Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4—Football 2, 3, 4—Track 1, 2, 3, 4—Baseball 4.



His far reaching fan clubs . . . his consistently neat appearance . . . those alluring blue eyes . . . our able Student Council president . . . his neat jokes . . . Roddy's many "female" troubles . . . his athletic and fishing abilities . . . his everlasting love for Jerry Bright.

The time I was a rabbit in a play in third grade . . . my trips with the football team . . . the good times at Bill's . . . the journeys with Jerry in my car . . . the occasional walks to Ann Street . . . our class and the many good times we've shared.

We'll always remember . . .

. . . I'll never forget

SHIRLEY ANN FEICK

Academic "Debbie"

Big dark eyes of brown,
A fair face that knows no frown,
A pleasant manner, a winning way,
That's our Shirley every day.

County Chorus 3, 4—County Orch. 4—Girls' Sextet 4—Hospitality Comm. 4—Jr. Chorus 1—Lariat 3, 4—Library 1—MacDowell 2, 3, 4—Monitor 3, 4—National Honor Society 4—Orchestra 3, 4—Vaquero 3, 4; Circulation Manager 4—Y-Teens 2, 3, 4; Cabinet 4—Volleyball 4.

Her weird sense of humor . . . the peace-breaker . . . the theme song . . . her first orchid . . . her practical point of view and original ideas . . . the way she "saws" on her cello . . . her first big flame . . . that agreeable personality.

Cellar-door slider's society in grade school . . . anticipation of seventh grade . . . my algebra troubles . . . driver training and my "sacred" tree . . . "prowling" around . . . term paper trials . . . the "Galloping Consumption"—(Progressive Party) . . . our hectic, but wonderful, senior year,

GLORIA JEAN FIUCCI

General "Cuz"

Now here's our friend Gloria
As quiet as one could wish
But boys! It's the silent angler
That always catches the fish.

Class Play 4—Costume 2, 3—Dramatics 1, 4—Jr. Chorus 1—MacDowell 2, 3.

Her pretty smile and small stature . . . the role she played in the Senior Class play . . . working with Miss Parker in Home Economics . . . her conversations about that "soldier" . . . the movie star's namesake . . . her friendly disposition.

Ringing the recess bell in first grade . . . sitting on the jail bench with Jerry Busch in third grade . . . being a Dutch girl in fourth grade . . . our eighth grade trips . . . my first prom . . . my nickname . . . being a senior.

BARBARA ANN GEISS

General Business "Barb"

She laughs when she comes,
she laughs when she goes,
But what she laughs about,
nobody knows!

Banking 3, 4—Camera 1, 2—Dramatics 1, 2, 3, 4—Health Comm. 2, 3; Sec. 2—MacDowell 2, 3—Monitor 2, 3, 4—Vaquero 4—Y-Teens 2, 3, 4.

JOANNE GRAVER

Academic "Jo"

Always around whenever there's fun;
Everyone likes her, she likes everyone.

Class Play 3, 4—Dramatics 4—Hospitality Comm. 2, 3—Lariat 3—MacDowell 2, 3—Monitor 4—Thespian 4—Vaquero 3, 4—Y-Teens 2, 3, 4; Cabinet 3—Basketball 3, 4—Hockey 3, 4—Volleyball 3, 4; Manager 3, 4.

ANDREW GRAY

General "Gump"

His limbs were cast in manly mould
For hearty sports or contest bold.

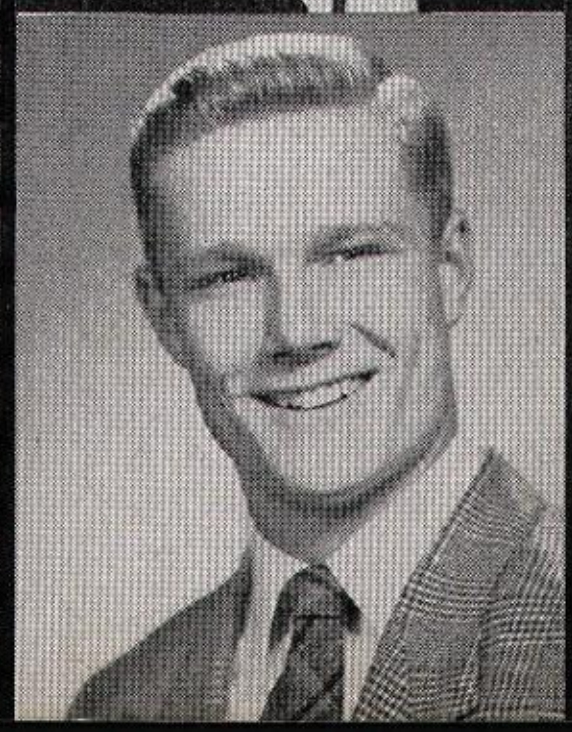
Class Play 3, 4—Hi-Y 2, 3, 4—MacDowell 2, 3—Monitor 2, 3, 4—Stage Craft 4—Athletic Asso. 1, 3, 4—Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4—Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Mgr. 1—Track 1—Football 1, 2, 3, 4.

WILLIAM E. GREENLEESE

General "Bill"

Music and books, science and looks,
Plus personality—that's Bill.

Assembly Comm. 3—Class play 3, 4—Hospitality Comm. 4—MacDowell 3, 4—Monitor 4—Athletic Asso. 4; Pres. 4—Baseball 3, 4—Basketball 3—Football 3, 4—Track 3, 4.



Barb's convenient locker location to that certain junior . . . her loyalty to the Food Fair . . . that naturally blonde hair . . . her quiet but witty disposition . . . her giggling spells while reading in class . . . that special method of preparing book reports . . . Babs as an actress.

My eraser episode in sixth grade . . . how the 41st Congress stuck together for better or for worse . . . my studyhalls in Mr. Yeich's office . . . how Joan and I laughed at nothing . . . the first time Mrs. Henne cleaned my teeth . . . my senior year.

Her man, Harry . . . that laugh . . . the swell parties she had . . . "Smokey" . . . her neat clothes . . . those braces . . . shiny black hair . . . her high-pitched voice . . . "Helen's" chocolate cake . . . variety of sweaters . . . her eighth grade romances . . . "Duchess" . . . Miss Vim, Vigor, and Vitality.

The fun we had in Mr. Yeich's and Mr. Kessler's classes . . . the cellar door at the Red Building . . . being a flower girl in the May Day Festival in kindergarten . . . the jaunts in "Bessie" and "Matilda" . . . our wonderful senior year . . . our hockey games . . . the class plays . . . all of my nicknames.

We'll always remember . . .

. . . I'll never forget

His loyalty as a monitor . . . that superb dancing ability . . . how he changed records for senior sport hops . . . his admiration for the opposite sex . . . his good work with the football team . . . helping MacDowell "put over" a concert.

The trip to Philadelphia . . . "Klinger, you're on the wrong side of the river" . . . the first day of football . . . trips to Wyomissing . . . eighth grade parties . . . Mr. Manwiller's jokes . . . the Nymph Club . . . nights at Bill Woomert's . . . "Bill, were these boys here all night?" . . . "You bet!"

"Apple" . . . his friends from Lower Merion . . . the faces and remarks he continually made . . . his intellectual mind . . . his big blue eyes . . . our barber-shop tenor . . . "Hercules" of the senior class . . . his love for French class . . . his underclassmen attractions . . . Bill's enormous appetite.

Moving to West Reading . . . the fun with Shaner . . . Messrs. Yeich and Kessler's terrific classes . . . Joanne's Christmas Party . . . Sophomore Initiation . . . those long rides for away games . . . Thompson and his sleigh . . . trips to Wyomissing . . . Fred "Procco" Stoyer.

JOAN LARUE GRIMM

Commercial "Ginger"

Leading lady in many plays,
This black haired maid with gentle ways.

Banking 3, 4—Camera 1, 2—Class Treas. 4—Class Play 3, 4—County Chorus 3, 4—Dramatics 1, 2, 3, 4—Girls' Sextet 3, 4—Health Comm. 1—Hospitality Comm. 2, 4—Jr. Chorus 1—MacDowell 2, 3, 4—Monitor 2, 3, 4—Sr. Exec. Comm. 4—Thespian 3, 4—Y-Teens 2, 3, 4.

Good luck!!

Joan's everlasting chant—"Pay your dues!" . . . her trips with the Girls' Sextet . . . our unsurpassable character actress . . . her "lilting" laughter . . . spending her twelfth grade in two rooms . . . her West Lawn attraction . . . her outstanding secretarial abilities . . . our future receptionist . . . counting money as a pastime.

Dictation in shorthand . . . my chewing-gum episode in sixth grade . . . being a bunny and a clown in May Day programs . . . being "Granny" in school plays . . . passing bulletins in eighth grade . . . showing off our "50" class ring . . . the bicycle trip Barbara and I took.

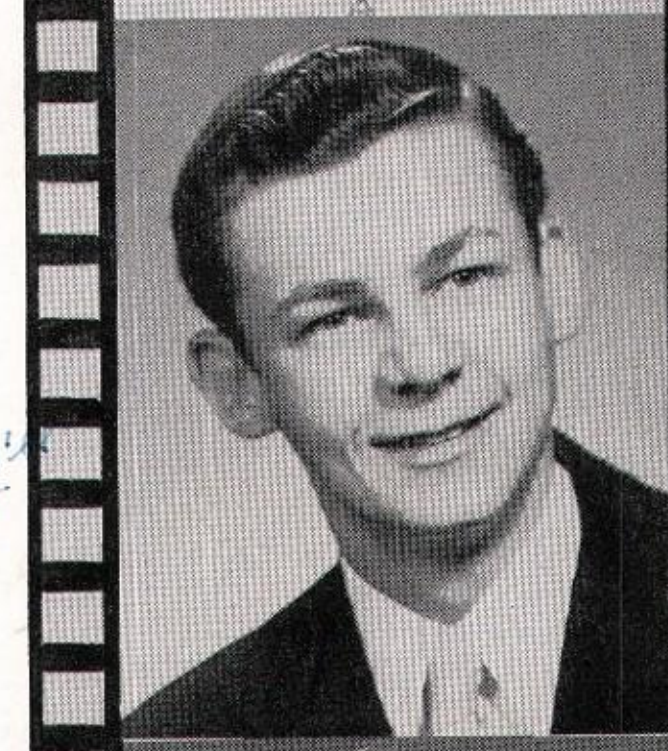
PAUL ARTHUR GRING

General "Gringy"

Not bold, nor shy, nor short, nor tall.
Just a mingling of them all.

Art 1—Camera 1, 2, 3, 4—Lariat 4; Photography Ed. 4—Sportsmen 3—Vaquero 3, 4; Asst. Ed. 3; Photography Ed. 3, 4.

Rich:
Lots of luck to a swell guy and don't ever forget that boys from Lancaster.
Paul



Paul and his faithful camera . . . coming to school on his motor scooter . . . the way he so easily gets upset . . . his inseparable friend, Lewie . . . working behind the refreshment stand at basketball games.

The trouble I had taking pictures for the Vaquero . . . our eighth grade trip to Philadelphia . . . those nights at Sonny's . . . the fun we had on the way home from the Manheim football game . . . the fun selling tickets at the basketball games.

We'll always remember . . .

. . . I'll never forget

MARY ELLEN HAAS

General "Mollie"

Gentle, lovable, full of fun
Always a friend to everyone
Helping others, cheering all
As a pal—she fills the call.

Clipping Club 1, 2—County Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4—Knit and Purl 3, 4—Girls' Sextet 2, 3, 4—Lariat 3, 4—MacDowell 1, 2, 3, 4—Monitor 4—Vaquero 4—Y-Teens 2, 3, 4.

Her French solo . . . those sharp glasses . . . "Bessie" . . . her sparkling personality . . . her loyalty to the Girls' Sextet . . . her shapely fingernails . . . spelling her name with a "y" . . . her complimentary insults . . . her attraction at Penn State . . . her dainty feet.

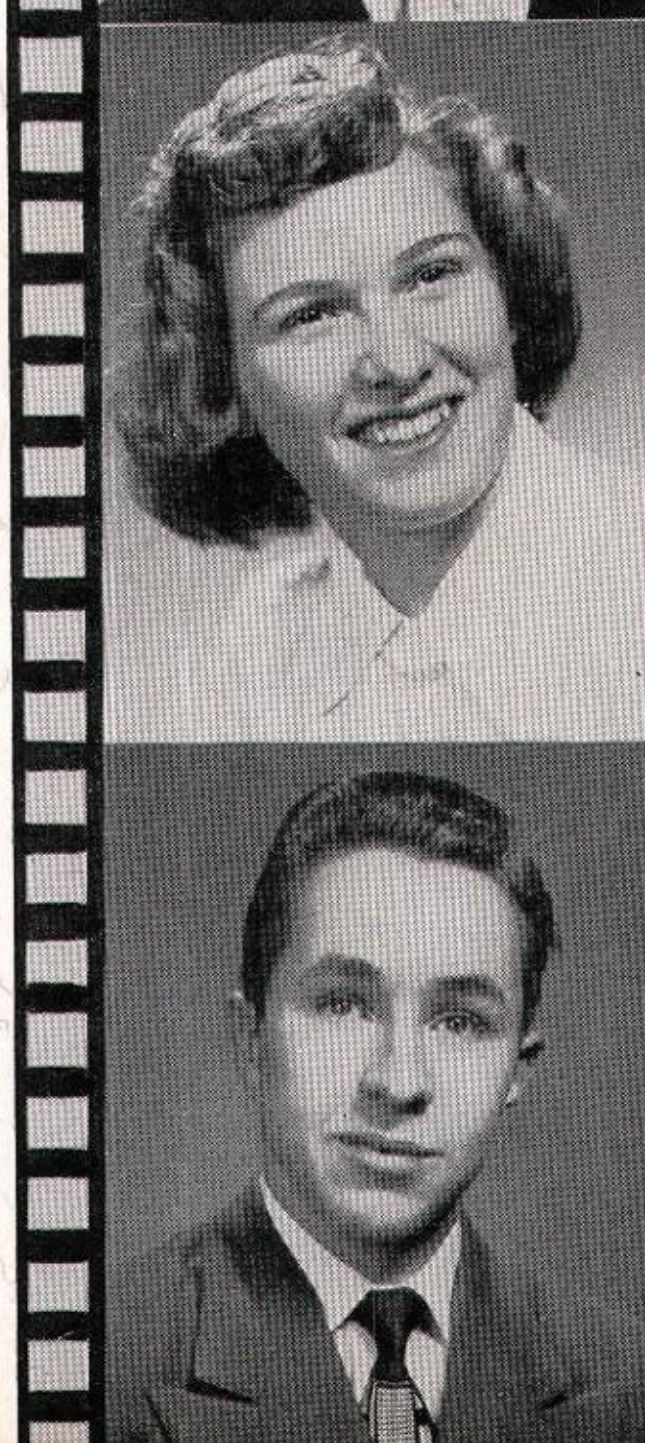
"Boys Catch Girls" . . . "Manny's" roses . . . our English and chemistry classes . . . Dopey and our long talks . . . our senior sport hops . . . selling refreshments at the football games . . . our swell gang and the fun we always have . . . eating in classes . . . my senior year.

THOMAS EMMETT HARKIN III

Scientific "Harky"

Never study, never worry;
Take life easy, what's the hurry?

Aviation 1, 2—Bridge 3—Hi-Y 1, 2, 3, 4—Science 1, 2, 3, 4—Football 3, 4—Tennis 4 .



Pontiac Station Wagon . . . his wicked sense of humor . . . the "light of his life" . . . those fabulous eyelashes . . . his three "L" shirt . . . the class's fiend . . . the lighter he won at Fritz's . . . his fingernails and haircut . . . his trips to New York and Philadelphia for coffee.

The eighth grade trip . . . "Bill's" . . . my fights with Dopey . . . my first day in second grade . . . joy rides in the station wagon . . . my first ticket . . . our gang . . . peeling in the middle of winter . . . summers at Ocean City . . . my adventure in the "38" Plymouth . . . my last ride in the station wagon . . . the new car.

NANCY ANNE HOMAN

Academic "Nan"

Talk she must, talk she will;
We can never keep her still.

Hospitality Comm. 4—Jr. Art 1—Knit and Purl 4—MacDowell 1, 2, 3, 4—Orchestra 1, 2, 3, 4—Vaquero 3, 4—Y-Teens 2, 3.

GAY ANN JOHNSTON

Academic "Gay"

A nice girl with a quiet way,
A friendly smile, but little to say.

Art 1—Lariat 2, 3, 4—MacDowell 2, 3, 4—Vaquero 2, 3, 4—Y-Teens 2, 3, 4; cabinet 4—Track 2—Volleyball 4.

JAMES WILLIAM KEIM

General "Jimmy"

Jimmy, one of the quieter boys,
Allows the rest to make the noise.

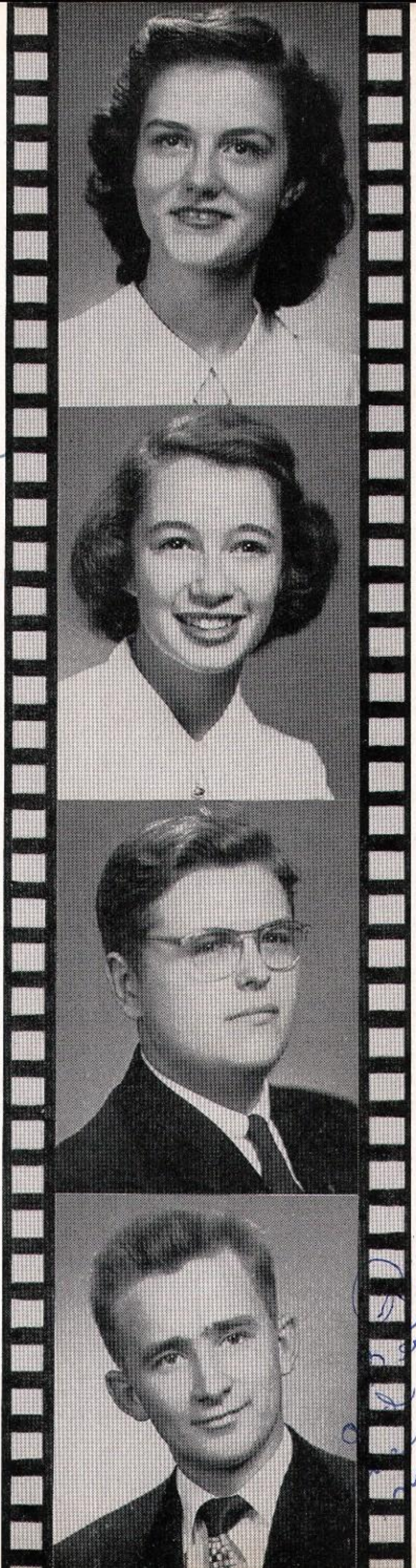
Camera 1, 2, 3, 4—Citizenship 1.

HAROLD STANLEY KLINGER

General "Klinger"

A little fellow full of wit
But very shy in using it.

Bridge 2—Chess 1—Science 1, 3—Stage Craft 4.



Her Eddie and King's Point . . . her 20 inch strands . . . her piano playing and drawing ability . . . Nancy's unique giggle . . . the way she dashes in home room at 8:29½ . . . her love for wearing galoshes . . . Nancy's pocketbook and everlasting kleenex . . . her pin-up girls.

Disecting frogs in biology class . . . the erasers Mr. Shalter threw at us . . . those (censored) term papers . . . the eighth grade trip; getting lost in the Franklin Institute . . . letter writing in English class . . . singing in the bars during initiation . . . the Class of 1950.

The love of her life . . . her advice to the love-lorn . . . those two front teeth . . . her ability to write . . . the books she read . . . her extensive wardrobe . . . her golf pro . . . moods indigo . . . her sophisticated airs.

Returning to West Reading . . . the day Sue got her driver's license . . . my second grade crush on Dick Miller . . . our busy fun-filled senior year . . . being sent to the office by Mrs. Gresh . . . Mr. Shalter's terrific civic classes . . . junior high basketball team.

We'll always remember . . .

. . . I'll never forget

His quiet manner . . . his love for language classes . . . paying his dues before anyone else . . . his part as Knecht Ruprecht in the German Christmas play . . . his undiscovered talent to play the piano and organ . . . his necktie and coat every day.

The eighth grade trips and parties . . . harmony class and the great composers of opera and symphony . . . the fascinating German classes and Knecht Ruprecht's birch rods . . . how I toiled and pondered to complete my novel term paper . . . the driver training course.

His green Studebaker . . . the money-man of our class . . . his secret evenings in New Orleans . . . his neat appearance in an usher's uniform . . . his generous, free taxi service . . . his cute, turned-up nose . . . his loyalty with the Stage Craft crew.

Coming here in third grade . . . being a brownie in the grade school operetta . . . the eighth grade trips and parties . . . Mr. Cobley . . . Woomert's . . . my trips with Harky . . . working behind the refreshment stand . . . cutting class to get hot dogs . . . the crazy Class of 1950.

JACQUELINE MARIA LAVIGNA

General "Jackie"

Give me my way and a life of ease,
And you may do whatever you please.

Class Play 3, 4—Costume 2—Dramatics 1, 3, 4—Jr. Chorus 1—Knit and Purl 3, 4—MacDowell 1, 2, 3—Y-Teens 2, 3, 4; Cabinet 4—Athletic Asso. 3—Basketball 1, 2, 3—Volleyball 2, 3, 4.

Her athletic inclinations . . . those jokes in art class . . . that carefree laugh . . . her many "mad" crushes . . . the way she showed off her new baby brother's picture . . . her diet in the senior class play.

The gang . . . "Jewel" . . . Tina . . . the fun we had at the junior high dances . . . our trips to the diner . . . the fun behind the refreshment stand at the football games . . . the Sunday we chased blue convertibles . . . "You know whats" . . . "Who, me-e-?"

HELEN MAY LEBO

General "Tex"

Careful, patient, and refined
Helen's never known to be unkind.

County Chorus 3, 4—Girls' Sextet 3, 4—Health Comm. 4—Hospitality Comm. 3—Jr. Chorus 1—Jr. Nature 1—Lariat 2, 3, 4—Library 1, 2, 3—MacDowell 2, 3, 4; Sec.-Treas. 3—Basketball 2.

Her loyalty as a member of Girls' Sextet . . . that star guard in basketball . . . her friendly attitude toward everyone . . . her one and only, "Tex" . . . how frequently she lost her voice . . . her startling outbursts in English class . . . her loyalty to Dr. Penta.

Those exciting English classes . . . the time I didn't know how to get out of the building . . . my first Hallowe'en in West Reading . . . those superb times in home economics classes . . . the eighth grade trip to Philadelphia . . . all of the different music teachers we had in ninth grade.

We'll always remember . . .

. . . I'll never forget

ROBERT B. LECHLEITNER

General Business "Lecky"

He likes to tease, he likes to talk,
And with one girl he likes to walk.

Band 1, 2, 3, 4—Banking 1—Beg. Ensemble 4—Camera 1—Hi-Y 3, 4—Hospitality Comm. 4—MacDowell 2, 3, 4—Orchestra 1, 2, 3, 4—Football 3, 4—Swimming 2, 3, 4—Track 1, 2, 3, 4.

His "fancy" dance steps . . . those black eyebrows . . . "The Lady" . . . that laugh . . . his broad shoulders . . . the long and short of it . . . generosity, plus . . . our No. 1 sax player . . . his constant companion . . . his outstanding wardrobe . . . his loyalty to the swimming team.

The time Thompson and I rolled Hubley . . . my proms . . . where I spent most of my time . . . initiation . . . soft pretzels for school . . . "Manny" and "Bart" . . . my rides and romances with a certain senior girl . . . English classes . . . sport hops.

RICHARD MORRIS LEISEY

General Business "Dick"

Like the waves of the mighty deep.
Never quiet unless sound asleep.

Art 1—Banking 4—Bridge 2, 3—Camera 1, 2—Cooking 1—Jr. Nature 1—Lariat 3—Science 2, 3—Sr. Graphic Arts 1, 2—Sr. Sportsmen 3—Stage Craft 4—Baseball 2, 3, 4—Football 3, 4; Manager 4.

The "character" of the class . . . his affection toward a certain sophomore . . . his constant companionship with Mike, Skip, and Meatball . . . those trips to the nurse to avoid working . . . lead foot Leisey in driver training . . . his loyalty to Al's.

Larry, Moe, Shrimp, Pud, gang . . . those pretzels . . . Mr. Naylor's Banking Club . . . well-tutored English classes . . . scorekeeper . . . baseball . . . class dues . . . water boy for football . . . Stage Craft . . . the grades . . . troubles with the teachers.

FRED CALVIN LOSER

General "Skip"

A boy with mischievous hands and feet
Despite his innocent face so sweet.

Assembly Comm. 2—Band 1, 2, 3, 4—Camera 1—Class V. Pres. 2—Hi-Y 1, 4—Cooking 1—Jr. Nature 1—Orchestra 1, 2, 3, 4—Science 1—Sr. Sportsmen 3—Student Council 1—Athletic Asso. 2—Baseball 4—Basketball 1—Football 2, 3, 4—Swimming 4—Track 1, 2, 3, 4—County Band 1, 3, 4.

SUSANNE LUCKENBILL

Academic "Sue"

Always a joke at the tip of her tongue
Ready and waiting to cheer everyone.

Assembly Comm. 2, 4—Class Play 3—Lariat 3—MacDowell 2, 3, 4—Monitor 4; Sec.-Treas. 4—Vaquero 3, 4—Y-Teens 2, 3, 4—Cabinet 4—Athletic Asso. 3, 4—Basketball 4—Hockey 4—Track 2.

ANN LOUISE MOYER

Household Arts "Ann"

A cheerful girl, you will agree,
Ann will succeed. Just wait and see.

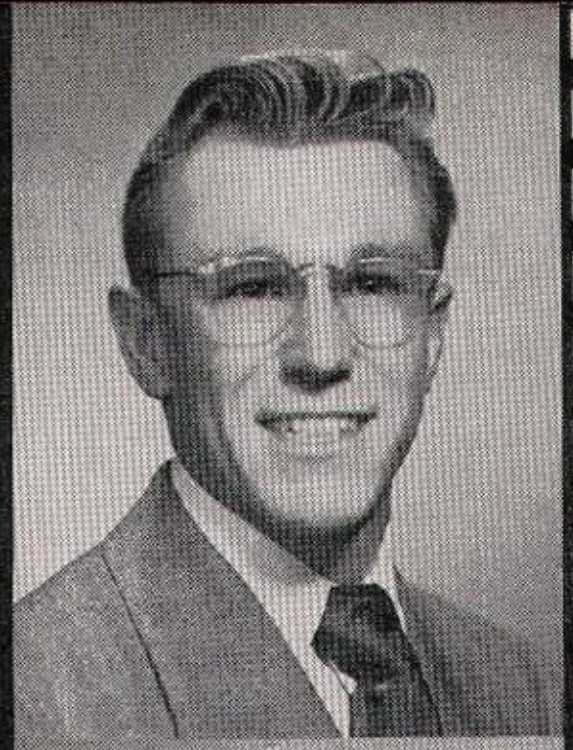
Chorine Club 1, 2, 3; Treas. 3—Dramatics 3, 4—Jr. Chorus 1—Library 1—MacDowell 1, 2, 3—Y-Teens 2.

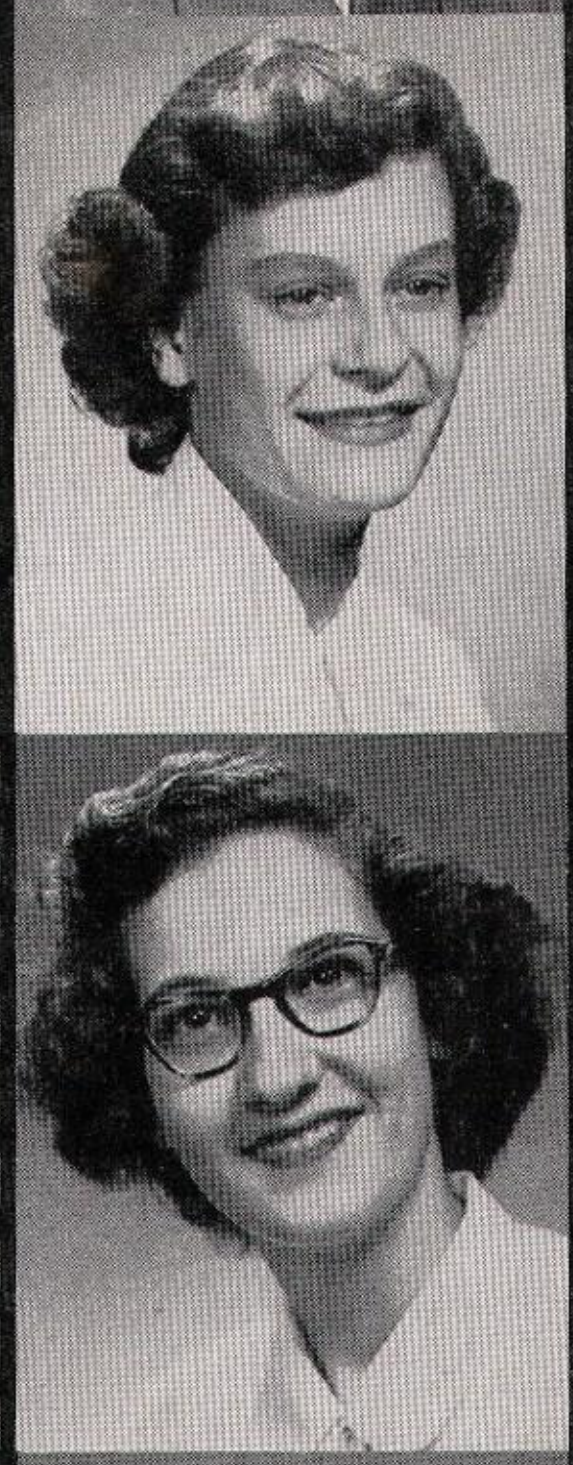
PATRICIA ANN NAYLOR

Academic "Pat"

True wit and humor, a real good sport,
Pat's in activities of every sort.

Assembly Comm. 1—Class Play 4—Dramatics 1—Health Comm. 1—Hospitality Comm. 3—Lariat 3, 4; Sec.-Treas. 4—MacDowell 2, 3, 4—Monitor 3—National Honor Society 1, 3, 4; Treas. 4—Vaquero 3, 4—Y-Teens 2, 3, 4; Cabinet 3; V. Pres. 4—Basketball 3, 4—Hockey 2, 3; Manager 3.





"Small-fry" of the class . . . the great "scat-back" on the football team . . . helping Mr. Naylor in Banking Club . . . the big green Buick . . . his varied girl friends . . . that loyalty to band and orchestra . . . the friendly way he annoys others.

Our eighth grade trip to Philly . . . how I hated the idea of growing up . . . giving that fashion show in tenth grade . . . those unforgettable health classes . . . all of my school acquaintances . . . hard-luck football team of '49 . . . Nation's Capitol.

"Liz" . . . her many crushes . . . her great hockey career . . . the way she does calisthenics in gym class . . . her neat appearance . . . Sue's brainy schemes . . . fiend of the class . . . her many slang axpressions . . . the famous question, "What shall I do?"

Taking the gang to the games . . . those trips to Shillington . . . Gay's birthday party and the after-dinner mints . . . our slumber parties . . . my talks with Bill . . . Jo's swell Christmas Parties . . . Mr. Hubley's classes . . . the fun we had in our senior year.

We'll always remember . . .

. . . I'll never forget

Her love for "good things" to eat . . . that constant laughter . . . the way she'd scrape together a nickel to play her favorite song . . . her love for drugstores—"Bamford's" . . . her guy from Mt. Penn . . . those sessions at the diner . . . the "bop" kid.

"Manny" and his "little bird" . . . eighth grade trips . . . my first year at West Reading High . . . my home-making classes with the gang . . . Miss Parker . . . Showalter's corner . . . "Jan" . . . our trip to the diner with the kids . . . "Jimmy" . . . "you know whats."

Her quiet manner . . . her swell disposition and personality . . . that dry sense of humor . . . those French translations . . . her laughter at a "wise-crack" . . . our academic office girl . . . those pretty unset waves . . . her willingness to help . . . that memorable line—"*You* stole my sweater."

Those unforgettable trips to football games . . . Mr. Schaeffer and our "troubles" . . . our wonderful chemistry classes . . . leading the kindergarten band . . . Junior Prom . . . that ingenious decorating for Sport Hops . . . those eighth grade socials . . . how we worked to make a dollar . . . our class

JOHN DAVID RASER

Academic "Johnny"

Happy, good-natured is this boy
As he goes gaily through his life
of joy.

Band 1, 2, 3, 4—Orchestra 1, 2, 3, 4—MacDowell 3, 4—Student Council 4.

MICHAEL JAMES REILLY

General Business "Mike"

Wavy hair and pretty wise,
Gallant "Mike" with his big brown
eyes.

Art 1, 2—Camera 1, 2, 3—Hi-Y 1—Jr. Art 1—Science 1, 2—Sr. Sportsmen 3, 4—Stage Craft 2, 3, 4—Athletic Asso. 1—Baseball 2, 3, 4—Football 3, 4—Track 4.

DORIS FRANZISKA RICHTER

Academic "Doris"

Here's a brown-eyed Lassie,
As clever as she's fair.
Her smile is always pleasant
And drives away dull care.

Art 2—Dramatics 2—Hospitality Comm. 4—Jr. Chorus 1—Lariat 3, 4—MacDowell 2, 3, 4—Monitor 3, 4—National Honor Society 1, 3, 4—Vaquero 3, 4—Y-Teens 2, 3, 4—Athletic Asso. 2.

ROBERT ALLAN RICKENBACH

Academic "Rick"

We never cease to wonder at
The knowledge stored beneath his
hat.

Bridge 3—Hi-Y 1, 2, 3, 4; Treas. 2, 3; Pres. 4—Lariat 1, 2, 3, 4; Ass't. Editor 3; Editor-in-Chief 4—Science 1, 2, 3, 4—Student Council 1, 2; Sec. 1; Treas. 2—Vaquero 4; Sports Editor 4—Swimming 3, 4.

The way he plays his trumpet . . . the "unknown" lover of the class . . . his green "Chevie" . . . his attraction for Chestnut Street . . . how he played "taps" in the school on Armistice Day . . . his nonchalant way of strolling about school.

The eighth grade trip and Christmas party . . . tenth grade biology class . . . initiation party . . . German II sessions . . . my senior term paper . . . some of Mr. Barthold's quaint phrases and expressions.

The precious trips in the "jewel" . . . that fickle eye . . . his love for baseball . . . Skip—his right hand man . . . his uniform of the day—dungarees . . . that flashy smile . . . those neat wool shirts . . . his faithful appearance at the diner . . . Mike's "boys".

Those football banquets . . . that special home run made by Jerry Bright . . . my favorite class—English . . . our eighth grade trip to Philadelphia . . . eating soft-pretzels in class . . . our baseball team . . . the "Big Three"—Bill's, Berrie's, and Al's . . . working in Stage Craft . . . printing class.

We'll always remember . . .

. . . I'll never forget

Doris's many acquaintances of the opposite sex . . . her famous pigtails, lost in eighth grade . . . her decorative ability . . . those unique slides she made for assembly . . . her job as Van's Little Bakery Miss . . . her ambition to be an art teacher.

Sliding down the grade school cellar door . . . those hectic art classes with Professor . . . Mr. Schaeffer's term papers . . . advertising our sport hops . . . my first date . . . trying not to go steady . . . those Y-Teen meetings . . . my little seventh and eighth grade friends.

That ever-ready smile . . . his neat appearance . . . his amiable disposition . . . those last minute arrivals at 8:30 a. m. . . . the way he handled his job as Lariat Editor . . . the boy who carries books every night . . . his articles for the Vaquero.

My 4.5 mile round trips . . . two bent wheels . . . a, e, i, o, u . . . the "Woom" . . . my sister's arrival . . . the pillow fights with my brother . . . those half-hour swimming practices . . . trips to the shore . . . Mr. Schaeffer's powerful right arm . . . inspecting the houses . . . "Bucket of Bolts" . . . our class.

JOSEPHINE KATHLEEN ROWLEY

General "Josie"

Very pretty, very sweet
And just the girl you'd like to meet.

Class Play 3, 4—Costume 2, 3—Dramatics 1—Jr. Chorus 1—Knit and Purl 3—MacDowell 1, 2, 3—Vaquero 4—Y-Teens 2, 3, 4; Cabinet 4.

LEWIS PARVIN RUNKLE

Academic "Lewie"

This boy likes to make things grow.
He'll be a success—we all know.

Camera 1, 2, 3, 4—Class Play 3—Jr. Art 1.

Good luck, "Rick" and I'll never forget that swell handwriting of yours: if that's all. (but it won't be)
Lewie Runkle

CHRISTINE MARIE SHOWERS

Academic "Chris"

She's one of the tallest in our class
And her height speaks of her fame.
She's liked by boys and girls alike
For virtues—too many to name.

Class Treas. 3—Class Play 3, 4—Debate 3—Health Comm. 2—Hospitality Comm. 4—Jr. Chorus 1—Lariat 3, 4; News Editor 4—Library 1—MacDowell 2, 3, 4—Monitor 3, 4—National Honor Society 1, 3, 4; Pres. 4—Sr. Executive Comm. 4—Vaquero 3, 4; Society-Feature Editor 4—Y-Teens 2, 3, 4; Cabinet 3; Pres. 4.

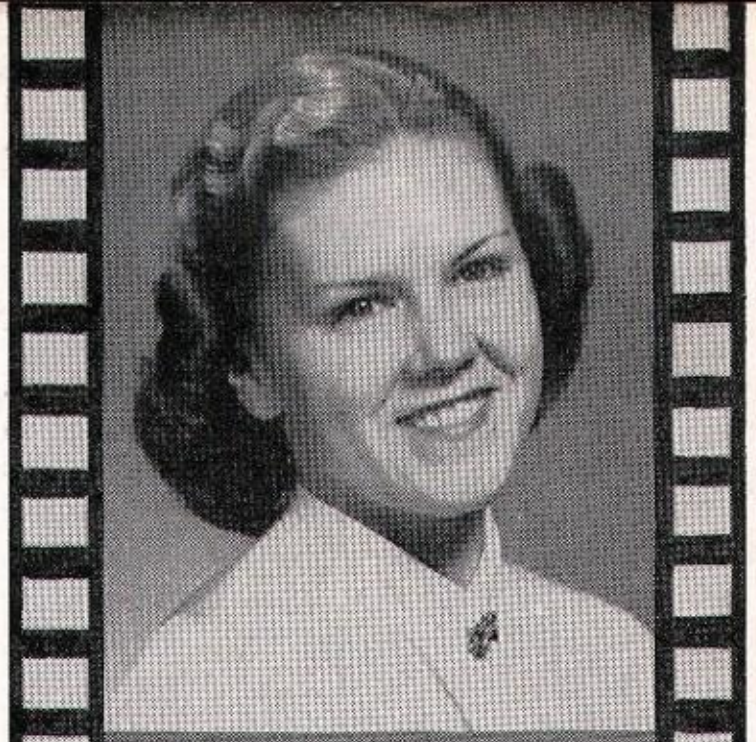
Rick
Here's to another four years of fun, laughter and everything
Love ya Punz
Dopey Smith

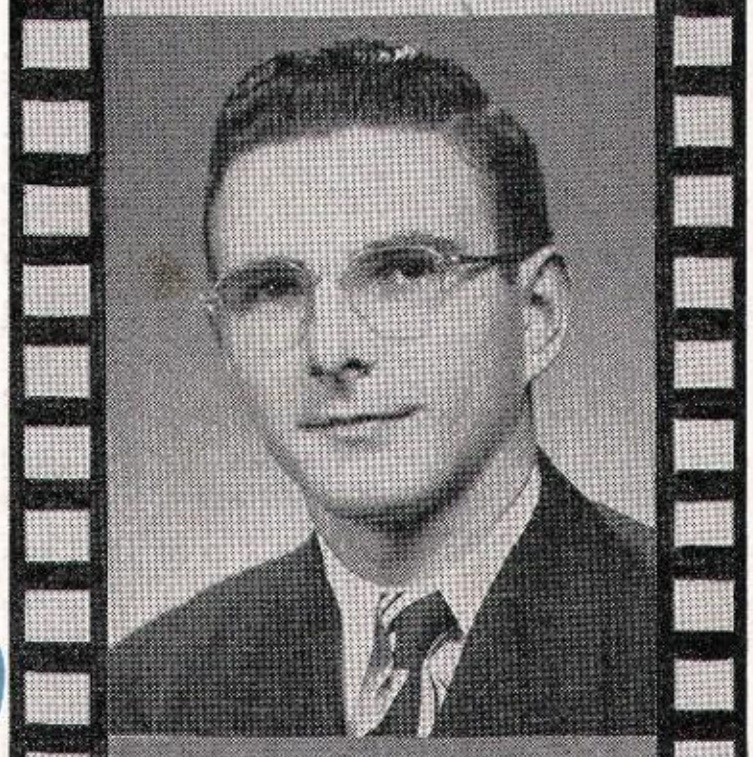
DAVID RANDOLPH SMITH

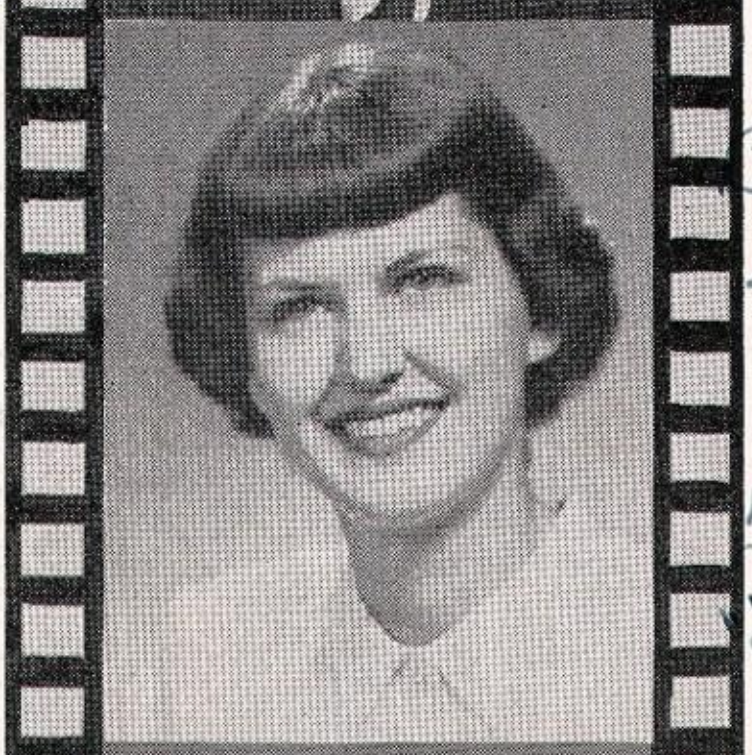
Academic "Dopey"

Here's a boy with much to say—
Some say he talks the live-long day.

Class Play 3, 4—Dramatics 1—Football 2, 3, 4—Health Comm. 3; Sec. 3—Hist. 1, 2, 3, 4—Basketball 1; Mgr. 1—Lariat 2, 3, 4—Monitor 3, 4—Science 1, 2, 3, 4—Tennis 3, 4—Vaquero 4; Editor-in-Chief 4.







Her many flings . . . that skill at getting into trouble . . . her crush on Perry Como . . . her loyalty to the Home Ec. Dept. . . . those attractive curly locks . . . our Y-Teen refreshment chairman . . . her numerous friendships . . . that petite, turned-up nose.

The girls . . . our "Cuz" . . . those week-end trips to Laureldale . . . home ec. classes . . . senior refreshment stands . . . the sport hops . . . that O.A.O. . . . the days in Mr. Yeich's office . . . "Manny's" little bird . . . those triple dates . . . those class trips and parties . . . the Junior Class Play . . . "The Fourth of July."

His witty remarks . . . his cigarettes . . . the other half—Paul Gring . . . his ambition to find a girl friend . . . Lewie's original writings and interpretations . . . roaring over jokes in the library magazines . . . his cowboy battles in science classes . . . that love for request programs and radio in general.

Those nights at Sonny's . . . Gringy and all of his two-wheeled contraptions . . . the Junior Class Play . . . my first two A's in plane geometry . . . Manny's Camera Clubs.

We'll always remember . . .

. . . I'll never forget

Her devotion toward a certain classmate . . . that Pepsodent smile . . . her magnificent acting ability . . . her pleasing personality . . . that three weeks' vacation . . . the "councils of war" with the kids . . . our capable Y-Teen president . . . Chris's hard work as co-chairman of the Activities Conference.

Our comfy naps in kindergarten . . . Studebaker Drills . . . my "shaved" hair-do . . . those exciting eighth grade social events . . . Silas Marner . . . how diligently we practiced for our class plays . . . the trials and tribulations of formal dances . . . the fun with our class and all that goes with being a Senior.

His atrocious handwriting . . . that personal spelling system . . . Mr. 5 x 5 . . . his ailing ankle . . . the nickname that doesn't fit . . . his troublesome love life . . . the roars he issues forth . . . those gentle, but bossy ways . . . the work he accomplished as executive . . . his unfailing loyalty as editor of the yearbook.

My trouble with the window in seventh grade . . . my thrilling romances with Gay and Joanne . . . my undying love for Harky . . . Rick and Punzy and their trouble with Charlie . . . playing football for three years . . . Mrs. Gresh's classes . . . my many talks with Mollie.

RONALD RICHARD STOUDT
General "Ronny"

This industrial pride and joy
Is just another fun loving boy.

Hi-Y 1, 2, 3—Lariat 1, 2, 3—MacDowell 1, 2, 3—Science 1, 2—Sportsmen 4—Stage Craft 3, 4—Basketball 1; Manager 1—Football 3, 4.

FRED C. STOYER
Industrial "Fred"

Easy come, easy go,
Never a care, never a woe.

Band 1, 2, 3, 4—Beg. Ensemble 4—Hi-Y 4—Orchestra 1, 2, 3, 4—Sportsmen 3—Football; Manager 3, 4—Tennis 3, 4—County Band 2, 3, 4.

EMMA LOUISE STRATTAN
Academic "Emma"

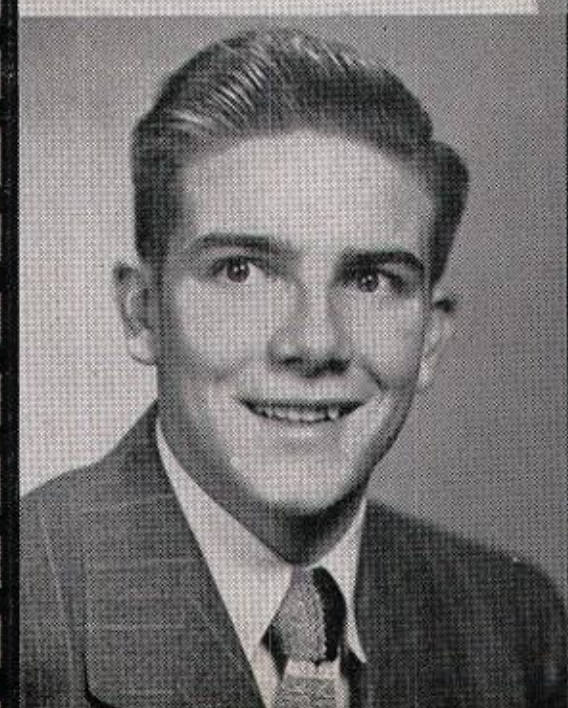
Step this way and feast your eyes
Upon a girl both busy and wise.

Class Play 3, 4—County Chorus 2, 3, 4—County Orch. 2, 3, 4—Girls' Sextet 3, 4—Junior Chorus 1—MacDowell 2, 3, 4—Orch. 1, 2, 3, 4—Vaquero 2, 3, 4; Advertising Manager 4—Y-Teens 2, 3, 4—Cabinet 4.

JOHN ROBERT THOMPSON
Academic "Bud"

This tall slender lad, with countenance gay
Is very good natured, as all will say.

Band 1, 2, 3, 4—Basketball 1, 2, 3—Class Vice-Pres. 4—Football 2, 3, 4—Hi-Y 3, 4—Lariat 1, 2—MacDowell 3, 4—Boys' Quartet 4—Monitor 3—National Honor Society 4—Orchestra 1, 2, 3, 4—Swimming Manager 4—Student Council 3—Track 1, 2—Vaquero 4; Business Manager 4.



His swell personality . . . those superb class pictures . . . his love for Mr. Schaeffer . . . his bruising tackles the last week of football practice . . . his blue eyes and brown hair . . . Mr. "Energy" . . . his sluggish walk . . . our Stage Craft heavy-weight lifter

Coming down Skyline Drive at 90 with no brakes, (with Harky, of course) . . . my experiences on New Holland Road . . . all the fun on the bench . . . my experiences with coach . . . Leisey's pretzel order blanks . . . our neat stage crew . . . that stubborn mike.

His dance in gym class . . . those double-dates with Skip . . . his quiet but mischievous attitude . . . the way he pests Bill in mechanical drawing classes . . . "Procco" . . . his ability to wield a tennis racket . . . his clarinet . . . the football manager of 1949.

Our general language class . . . the presents Skip and I gave to Mr. Barthold . . . our eighth grade party . . . the time Skip hit two hammers together . . . the letter I wrote in fourth grade . . . the fights Harky and Smith used to have.

We'll always remember . . .

. . . I'll never forget

Her voice and violin . . . love for animals . . . the trouble she had in eleventh grade with her fish . . . the leading role she played in the MacDowell operetta . . . her feelings toward German class . . . Louise's love for the outdoors.

That eighth grade excursion . . . those "field trips" with "Fochty" . . . County Chorus and Orchestra . . . my senior year . . . my struggle with algebra . . . P. A. D. and Mr. Schaeffer.

His determination . . . his ride to Pennsburg on that faithful motorbike . . . his choice of vehicles . . . his many steady girl friends . . . our drummer boy . . . how he encouraged Vaquero sales . . . that first and last solo . . . his uncontrollable head of hair . . . the horseman of the class.

My love for language classes . . . my first semi-formal—forgot the flowers . . . dancing classes at the Fire Hall.

The Class Will of 1950

As an appropriate conclusion to this yearbook, we, the Class of '50, do hereby write our deed of bequest in which we wish to direct our material possessions and those talents we have so brilliantly displayed in the past years to our beloved underclassmen.

To Phil Bailey, Hazel Bewley leaves her Eckstine records and Drum Corps stance.

Tina Borkert turns over her frequent and changeable love affairs to Doug McDonald.

Jerry Bright bequeaths his hotshots and love for Roger Feeg to Lucie Haehnel.

Earl Brown's well-worn pool cue and bashfulness go to Bill Kaley.

Jerry Busch wills his peroxide and good physique to Joan Bouchat.

To Eva Noecker, Jeannette Campitelli leaves her flashing eyes and quick temper.

Charles Cardinal gives his hot rod and gas station ability to Bruce Brown.

Jean Cuifici, wanting to help, wills her high heels and gift of gab to Woody Heister.

Gloria D'Ercole turns over her innumerable friends from the "Y" to Shirley Bewley.

Bob DiMascio leaves the agility he displayed on the gridiron to Robert Cremer.

Dorothy Dissinger transfers her animated pins and collection of hair ribbons to May Stout.

Dennis Edwards wishes to confer his basketball ability to Niss Chapman.

To Judy Flickinger, Pat Ephlin's timely advice and love for Navy blue uniforms.

Roger Feeg sacrifices his crew cuts and midnight rendezvous to Robert Fidler.

To Joan Crocona, Shirley Feick leaves her spit curl and unused driver's license.

Gloria Fiucci bestowes her happy countenance and cheerfulness to Joan McNear.

Barbara Geiss leaves her blonde tresses and contagious giggle to Carl Schnellenbach.

Joanne Graver turns over her various poses and "come hither" looks to Ruth Nagle.

Andy Gray wills one of his palm beach suits and his tall stories to Carolyn Horn.

To Alvin Bewley, Bill Greenleese sacrifices his Charles Atlas courses and muscles.

Joan Grimm surrenders her skillful hand and extra change to Bonnie Munroe, a deserving child.

Paul Gring leaves his motor scooter and beloved camera to Bob Hessler.

Mollie Haas bequeaths her reducing powders to Barbara Burk, complete with directions.

Tom Harkin leaves a spark plug and two wornout tires to Anthony Marino.

Nancy Homan generously bestowes her pocketbook, green ink, letters, and rubbers to Pat Miller.

Gay Johnston wants to leave ten little golf balls and her glasses to David Grossberg.

James Keim wills his chemistry set and birch rods to Tommy Cardinal.

To Richard Ellis, Harold Klinger bestowes his "secret love" and ability to behave in class.

Jackie Lavigna wishes to confer her sports ability upon Ruth Lelgemann; not that you need it, Ruth.

Helen Lebo transfers her position with Dr. Penta to Carl De Angelo.

To Jack Shaner, Bob Lechleitner's athletic prowess and luck with the ladies.

Dick Leisey leaves his wit and ever-ready wisecracks to Dawn Werner.

Skip Loser surrenders his Mr. America title to Bud Leightheiser.

Sue Luckenbill's tube of "suntan" and mad crushes may be left to Gloria Ciervo.

Ann Moyer gives her domestic inclinations and love tonic prescriptions to Rodney McGrath.

Pat Naylor bequeaths her "sweet personality, full of rascality" to Dale Reichert.

John Raser leaves an automatic arm to turn his music to Jay Beyerle.

Mike Reilly wills his pitching arm and seldom seen Irish temper to Terry Sands.

To Donald Straub, Doris Richter leaves her schemes and strategies.

Robert Rickenbach wishes to give his "conservative" driving ability and studiousness to Ray Reber.

Josie Rowley's kitchen techniques and "nevercare" attitude go to Millie Albert.

Lewis Runkle releases his casanova traits to Jim Rentschler.

With tears and much regret, Christine Showers leaves two inches of her stature to Janet Porreco.

David Smith bequeaths his "calm, cool and collected" manner to Dawn Beidler.

Ronald Stoudt gives his famous stride to Judy Spang.

To Jack Rhoda, Fred Stoyer confers his volleyball tactics and keen interest in homework.

Louise Strattan's I. Q. and commando tactics may be left to Barbara Churan.

John Thompson transfers his aspiration, inspiration, and determination to Bill Reger.

On this day of May 31, 1950, *we, the Senior Class of the West Reading High School, do affix our seal to this, our last Will and Testament.*

Witnessed:

Gay Johnston (seal)
Nancy Homan (seal)
Patricia Naylor (seal)
Christine Showers (seal)

Prophet's Phantasus

Senior	*Wants To Be*	*Will Be*
Hazel Bewley	office clerk	happy, though married
Tina Borkert	model	Miss Reading Fair of 1955
Gerald Bright	army man	maintaining permanent position at Corner of Hollywood and Vine
Earl Brown	machinist	first millionaire of the class
Gerald Busch	architectural engineer	Coney Island Life Guard
Jeannette Campitelli	telephone operator	the voice we hear daily
Charles Cardinal	automobile mechanic	John L. Lewis' right hand man
Jean Cuifici	elementary teacher	sweet on candy
Gloria D'Ercole	comptometer operator	secretary at Dr. Saul's $8.75 Optical Company
Robert DiMascio	navy officer	confirmed bachelor with an interesting past
Dorothy Dissinger	nurse	bubble gum tester
Dennis Edwards	electrician	guard at Fort Knox
Patricia Ephlin	sailor's wife	private secretary to Dane Clark
Roger Feeg	38th President of the U. S.	still campaigning
Shirley Feick	elementary teacher	playing ukelele on Arthur Godfrey's show
Barbara Geiss	secretary	our "Lustre Cream Girl"
Joanne Graver	housewife	advertising manager of Jantzen and Company
Andrew Gray	youth leader	still leading (wolf pack)
William Greenleese	educated farmer	prominent Y.W.C.A. athletic director
Joan Grimm	receptionist	treasurer for Federal Reserve Bank in Philadelphia
Mary Ellen Haas	nurse	missionary in wilds of Belgian Congo
Thomas Harkin	exterminator	Joie Chitwood Hell Driver
Nancy Homan	piano teacher	concert pianist at Hollywood Bowl
Gay Johnston	career woman	Floor Manager of Reed's Department Store
James Keim	mortician	Clyde Beatty's assistant wild animal trainer
Harold Klinger	shop instructor	model for Arrow Collar Ad
Jacqueline Lavigna	nurse	head nurse in veterinary hospital's dog ward
Helen Lebo	receptionist	popular VOGUE model
Robert Lechleitner	candy manufacturer	Spike Jones's sax soloist
Richard Leisey	soldier	Bob Hope's counterpart
Fred Loser	bank president	Philadelphia Eagle's star flashback
Susanne Luckenbill	elementary teacher	one of the ten best dressed women in the United States
Ann Moyer	housewife	managing private nursery school
Patricia Naylor	elementary teacher	running Russian ballet
John Raser	music teacher	giving free tonette lessons
Michael Reilly	army officer	navy recruiting officer
Doris Richter	art teacher	moon-scape painter
Robert Rickenbach	engineer	physicist perfecting new theory of relativity
Josephine Rowley	receptionist	working in the main office as a secretary
Lewis Runkle	disc jockey	Editor of True Confessions Magazine
Christine Showers	journalist	wife of college professor
David Smith	science teacher	blown up through his own efforts
Ronald Stoudt	state policeman	handing out little red tickets
Fred Stoyer	trade apprentice	Olympic weight-lifting star
Louise Strattan	elementary teacher	currently appearing in "Madame Butterfly" at the Met
John Thompson	mechanical engineer	stock broker

Senior Class Officers

GERALD BUSCH ..... *President*
JOHN THOMPSON ..... *Vice-President*
JOAN GRIMM ..... *Treasurer*
JEAN CUIFICI ..... *Secretary*

Class Song

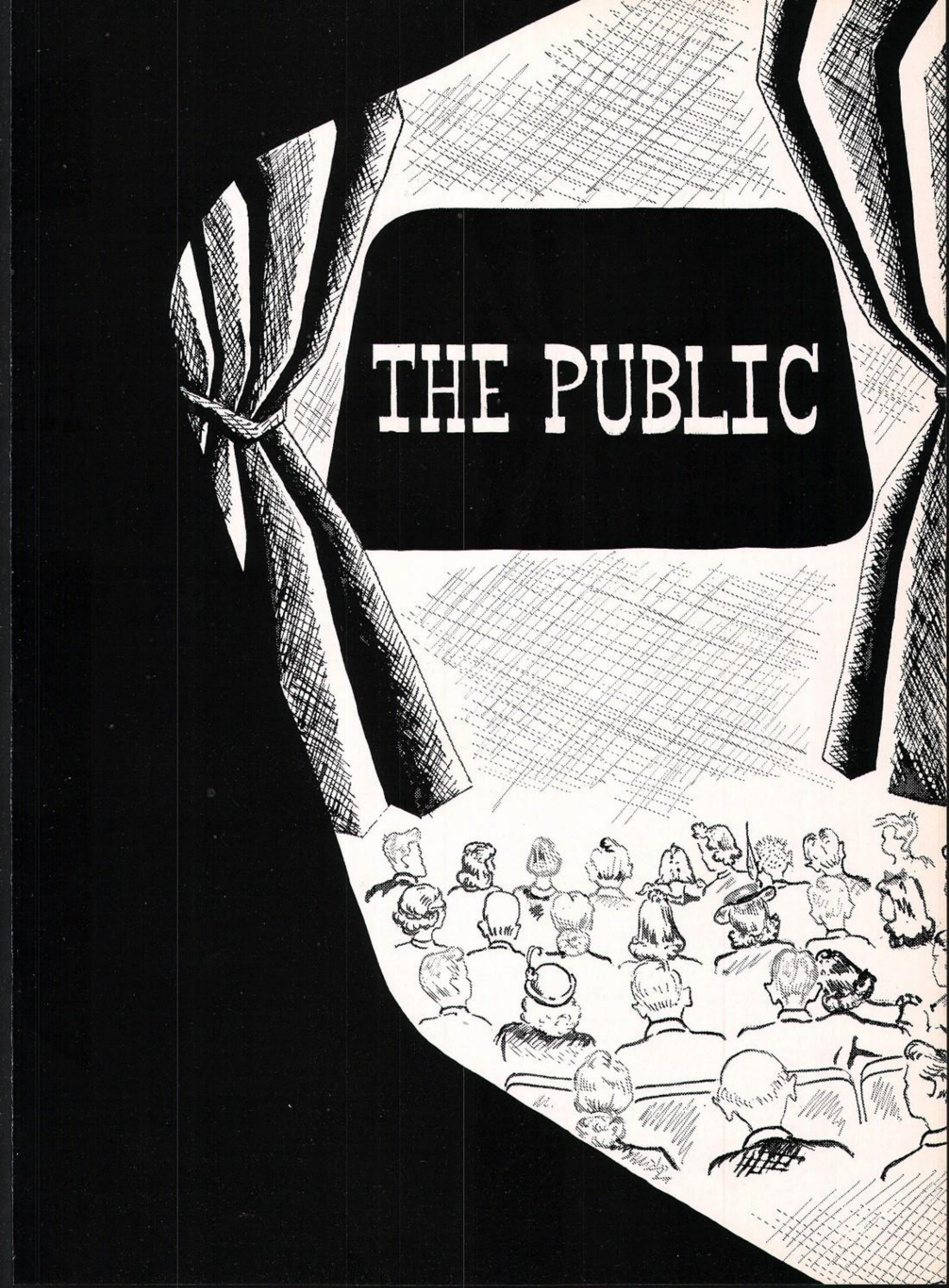
Our high school life is over
And we say so-long for now;
So-long teachers, friends, and old classmates—
To the world we take our bow.

The memories that we'll treasure
Like the strain of some old song
The fun that we had and our friendships
Will always linger on.

We look back on our school days,
Plan our future—bright and new;
We realize that we're on our own now
To succeed with the work we'll do.

So, good luck, Class of '50,
May we prosper to the sky
And vow, though our trails may divide now,
To remember West Reading High.

—NANCY HOMAN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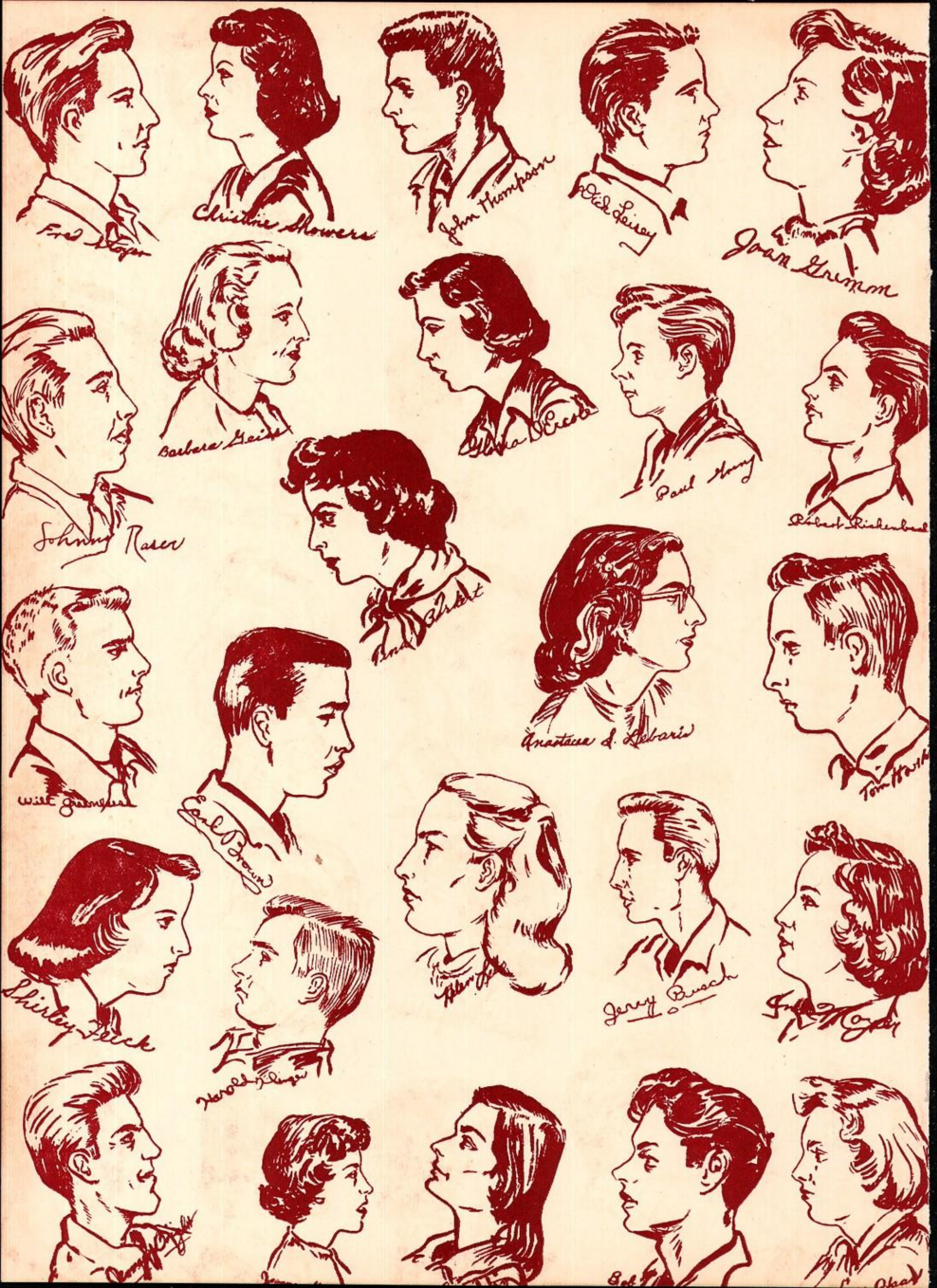
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